Mubarak rejects Shamir summit

TEL AVIV (R) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has rejected an Israeli request for a meeting with Prime Minister Vitzhak Shamir, Israeli officials said Friday. They said Mubarak told Israeli Interior Minister Arye Deri he would only meet Shamir if Egypt was guaranteed in advance that it would bring progress on Middle East peace negotiations. The Egyptian leader also urged Israel to include two American-Palestinians, both members of the Palestine National Council (PNC), in talks on its proposals for elections in occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the officials said. They suid Israel was most unlikely to accept such an idea, which would amount to negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). PNC members Edward Said of Harvard University and Ibrahim Aba Lughod of Northwestern University met U.S. Secretary of State George Shuitz last year. The officials said israel was pleased with the warm welcome given to Deri, a rising star in the Shas religious party, when he visited Egypt this week. He met Muharak Wednesday. Officially invited to discuss moving a Cairo Jewish cemetery to make room for road construction, Deri was apparently asked to Cairo because he is a dove among Israel's power-

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## **State of Palestine** is no threat — King

MMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty ing Hussein has dismissed sugestions that an independent alestinian state would be a treat to Jordan and said Israel iced renewed extremism unless accepted a two-state solution to ie Palestinian problem.

In an address to the European tlantic Group in London Thursay, the King referred to the alestine Liberation Organisaon's (PLO) acceptance of alestinian-Israeli coexistence as vo independent states and said: "The opportunity is there, but

also has a political and psychogical time-frame. It is not opennded. It must be seized, nurired and translated into a enuine peace process. "Otherwise, forces of frustra-

on and extremism will prevail nce agam."

King Hussein said Israel must take a "historic decision to ecept the two-state solution in ne land of mandated Palestine." He told an andience of almost 30, including members of parliaent from all parties, that the LO had met all the requireients to achieve a peaceful setement of the Arab-Israeli con-

Speaking in a House of Comons committee room, the King said the one remaining obstacle was Israel's inability to reach a decision on the future of the occupied territories.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections in the occupied territories was carefully formulated so as to end the 19-month Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories without providing any tangible guarantees on subsequent progress toward a permanent peace settlement, he

"A peace process that does not lead to the full exercise of Palestinian national self-determination will only exchange one deadlock for another. And yet Israel persists in its rejection of moves towards a negotiated peace based on the concept of Palestinian self-determination alongside the state of Israel." he said.

"The Israeli claim that a Palestinian state would present a mortal threat to itself and Jordan is a sad manifestation of Israel's dilemma — unwilling to accept world consensus and fearing the isolation that would result from being the only nation to reject

See page 4 for full text of the King's address



## King, Thatcher discuss Mideast

LONDON (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday met with British Prime minister. Margaret Thatcher and held talks on international and regional issues, including the Palestine problem.

The King said the talks touched on all matters of mutual interest, including the Middle East conflict. The King also expressed appreciation for Thatcher's interest in Middle Fast issues as well as Jordanian-British relations.

King meets Sheikh Zayed

King Hussein also met with United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan at his residence here. The two leaders discussed bilateral relations and the latest developments in the Arab arena. Sheikh Zayed is on a state visit to the United Kingdom.

#### danch has said Jordan hopes to reschedule a total of about \$650

due governments.

Georgian extremists raid police station

# Chad, Libya

Libya were set to sign a peace accord to end more than 15 years of conflict over a disputed border area, official sources said Friday.

capital Bamako, they said.

Chad's Hissene Habre, were expected to announce the accord at Friday.

perhaps make a few minor amendments but there will definitely be a Bamako declaration on Friday," one source close to the talks said. "It will be more than an agreement in principle.' Qadhafi arrived in Bamako

about 800 on four planes. After overnight talks, he emerged from his first meeting with Habre smiling hand-in-hand.

the outgoing Organisation of African Unity (OAU) chairman,

political success," one delegation member said. The peace accord is expected to be the first step in reconciling

al-rich Aouzou Strip. friendship treaty and take a num-

"The Aouzou question might eventually be settled by the International Court of Justice (in the

#### **ACC** states to boost cooperation in regional, internat ional scenes nisation (PLO), Qasem said. tween the ministers and minis-

By Suhair Obeidat Jodan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The foreign ministers of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) have reached agreement on increased cooperation through a series of measures with particular focus on diplomatic and consular affairs among the four member states in the regional and international scenes. Deputy Prime Minister and

Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, who hosted a two-day meeting attended by Tareq Aziz of Iraq, Esmat Abdul Meguid of Egypt and Abdul Karim Iryani of North Yemen, told reporters Friday that the four adopted recommendations contained in a joint working paper.

Qasem said the ministers agreed to hold four meetings ev-ery year, with three of the gatherings coinciding with those of the higher committee which groups the heads of state and the committee of ACC prime ministers. In addition, senior foreign ministry officials of the four countries will hold bi-annual meetings.

Endorsement was also made by the ministers of the means of communication and dialogue be-

tries concerning visits abroad, or visits by officials or ministers to their countries, in addition to other matters concerning the work of foreign ministries.

They also agreed upon unified group action when it is required and authorising one of the member countries to speak on behalf of the council on choosen occa-

Measures to secure means of cooperation and coordination between the embassies and consular missions of the four countries were also taken during the meeting in addition to agreement on the alternation of memberships in international and regional organisations.

Aside from discussing plans and programmes to organise cooperation and coordination. the ministers reviewed major national issues and international

The ministers discussed the latest developments in the Palestinian problem and Israel's attempts to frustrate Palestinian advances made through the new peace strategy adopted by the Palestine National Council and the Palestine Liberation Orga-

The ministers reaffirmed the position of the four ACC leaders

at a summit beld in Alexandria in June to support the uprising and their support for the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people in their struggle to secure its legitimate rights. The ministers welcomed the emerg-

ing trend in the international position which reflects increased support for Arab and Palestinian rights and paid tribute to declarations to that effect by the European Community and the Group of Seven industrialised coun-The ministers expressed concern

over the slow pace in efforts to reach a final peace agreement between Iran and Iraq after eight years of war which came to an end with a ceasefire last year. They called on the Iranian leadership to abandon what they described as procrastination and to respond positively to United Nations efforts to resume negotiations on implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 in its entirety.

They also stressed the imponance of speeding up the exchange of prisoners of war (PoWs), in accordance

with international charters. The ministers expressed concern



Marwan Al Qusem

over the Lebanese situation and reaffirmed support for efforts, the higher tripartite committee to solve the Lebanese problem

in the occupied land. Qasem said-"Jordan, as well as most of the Arab countries, have always believed that there is an Israeli attempt to prograstinate and avoid facing the need to

100,000 students, and the army said it

would depend on whether the initial

phase was peaceful.
Palestinians said that Israeli offi-

cials had tried to get signed state-

ments from principals guaranteeing there would be no anti-Israeli protests

Lutheran schools in the West Bank.

said he and other educators told the Israelis "nobody can give such a

Schools in the West Bank were

closed by the army shortly after the

start of the uprising in December

1987, although classes have continued

for more than 150,000 students in the

occupied Gaza Simp. More than hal

of the Gaza children attend United

Yacoub Kumsieh, director of

## Paris Club reschedules part of Jordan's debts

wereign debt, the French Fi- as well as principalance Ministry said.

The ministry said in a stateent Thursday that the 14 crediir governments have agreed to ... low Jordan to spread repayients due on the debt over 10 ears, including a five-year grace

laruzelski

povernment

'ARSAW (R) — General Wo-iech Jaruzelski, in his füst inter-

ew since becoming president of

pland, Friday urged Solidarity

enter a Communist-led govern-

ent but the opposition move-

Its parliamentary leader Bro-

slaw Geremek instead prop-

ed that Solidarity should form a

In an interview with the Com-

nnist Party daily Trybuna

udu, Jaruzelski also revealed be

as among hundreds of ousands of Poles deported to

beria when Soviet troops in-

ded Poland in conjunction with

itler's army at the start of 'orld War II in 1939.

Jaruzelski repeated a call for

plidarity to enter a Communist-

d government to help reverse

pland's economic decline and

We are interested in the

position participating in co-

said two days after being

ected president by the nar-

Geremek replied in an inter-ew also published in Trybuna

idu that it was impossible for

e movement to enter a Com-

unist-led 'national unity'

"Bnt I am sure it is possible

at a Solidarity government cre-

es a situation of national uni-

... however, this is a completely

fferent proposal and a com-

etely different government," he

A political source said the issue

whether the next government ould be led by Solidarity or a

ommunist prime minister had

n yet been decided by the Com-

"The matter is still wide open,"

Solidarity's parliamentary floor

oup Thursday failed to agree on

proposal from some of its lead-

s that it should form the next

vernment and postponed the

On Monday Jaruzelski told the

didarity caucus he was only

ady to offer it the post of first

puty prime minister responsi-

cision until next week.

e for the economy.

unists and their allies.

e source said.

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troduce democratic reforms.

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all-party

ent refused.

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ARIS (AP) - Representatives period. It gave no details of the f Jordan's creditor governments - consolidataiou period, the ave agreed to reschedule a ma- amount involved, or whether or or portion of the country's not the agreement covers interest

> a meeting of the Paris Club, an informal group of government representatives that meets to examine debt-rescheduling requests from cash-strapped countries.

The agreement was reached at

Taking part in the Paris Club

their leaders added a demand that

local elections be moved up so

they can try to oust unsympathe-

Press reports said that although

the agreement that ended the

strike in western Siberia's Kuz-

netsk coal basin applied nation-

wide, miners remained off the job

Nearly two dozen workers and

strike leaders interviewed at

mines and meetings in Pro-

kopyevsk described their settle-

ment reached Tnesday with the

government as a measured vic-

tee met Friday with a half-dozen

representatives to the national

parliament, and called for muni-

cinal elections to be advanced

from next spring to the first half

With the exception of a call for

greater control over their indus-

try, the miners' demands had

been almost purely economic.

Most of the municipal officials

in Knznetsk were reported to

have supported the miners'

strike, but strike leaders said they

actively as they should have,"

said Vyacheslav G. Akulov, a

WINDHOEK (Agencies) — South African officials rejected a

request that they dismiss more

than 2,000 Namibian policemen

associated with a notorious par-

liamentary unit, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar

However, the U.N. chief pre-

dicted Namibia would have elec-

tions as scheduled Nov. 6 to

establish an independent govern-

ment and end 74 years of South

Perez de Cuellar said the main

threat to free and fair elections

was charges of intimidation by

Namibian police who belonged

to the unit known as Koevoet, the

Afrikaans-language word for

"I want to totally remove the

shadow of Koevoet," he told a

They supported us, but not as

of November.

were not satisfied.

strike leader.

said Friday

African rule.

'crowbar.'

The 26-member strike commit-

in several other areas.

tic officials.

meeting were representatives from . Austria, . Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, West Germany, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Britain and the United States.

Jordan's total oustanding foreign debt is estimated at \$8 billion. including \$1.2 billion owed to commercial banks.

Finance Minister Basel Jar-

MOSCOW (Agencies) -- Tens of The last local elections in Kuz- Forty-nine people were

thousands of Siberian coal miners netsk were held two years ago — arrested Thursday night in the ended a 10-day strike Friday but before Soviet President Mikhail Black Sea resort area for curfew

Gorbachev's reforms made elec-

tions more democratic by offering

netsk settlements voted on the

agreement Wednesday. Some of

the 150,000 strikers returned to

work Thursday, and the rest went back at dawn Friday, miners'

leaders and TASS, the official

Soviet newspapers reported

Friday strikes were continuing in

the Donetsk coal basin of the

Ukraine, the Pechora coal basin

in the country's far north and the

Karaganda coalfields of Soviet

Central Asia. A Ukrainian dissi-

dent reported another strike in

Chervonograd in the western

The government agreed to meet miners' demands for higher

wages, increase deliveries of

meat, sugar, soap, clothes and

other consumer goods, to boost

housing construction and - most

important of all - to give the

miners a greater voice in running

Ethnic violence.

torn region of Soviet Georgia

attacked a police station and

armed guards at several factories,

seizing a large number of

firearms, TASS reported Friday.

three-day visit to Namibia.

Perez de Cuellar said members

of Koevoet, known for brutal

tactics in the territory's 23-year-

old bush war, had created "an

atmosphere of mistrust" m north-

ern Namibia, where most of the

He said Namibia's South Afri-

can administrator, Louis Pienaar,

rejected his request to dismiss all

Koevoet members from the

police force, which is responsible

for law and order during the

territory's transition to independ-

Pienaar met with Perez de

announced that former Koevoet near the Angolan border.

Cuetlar Wednesday and

members would be moved away

from north-central Namibia into

less tense regions. But he said he

would dismiss policemen only if

news conference at the end of his misconduct was proven against considerably.

fighting took place.

Africa rejects

Ethnic extremists in a strife-

news agency, reported.

Strike committees in 13 Kuz-

multiple candidates.

million in loan payments due this year, although he did not say how much is due banks and how much

In addition to the Paris Club

talks, Jordan earlier this month entered negotiations with its commercial creditors grouped together as the London Club.

violations, and police confiscated

more than 200 weapons, the

evacuate thousands of tourists

stranded in the region, where six

days of clashes between Abkha-

zian and Georgian extremists have forced a halt to all road and

At least 18 people have been

killed in the strife and 339 in-

jured, including 30 police officers

and seven internal security

attacked an Interior Ministry de-

partment and stole 30 confiscated

armed guards were attacked in a

number of factories," the news

agency said. "Military firearms,

including automatic weapons, fell

Ministry in Moscow said the

situation in Abkhazia, 1,300

kilometres south of Moscow, and

nearby regions remained tense.

their homeland, a so-called

autonomous republic inside the

Republic of Georgia. Both

Abkhazians and Georgians claim

ethnie discrimination by the

"I'm sorry to say I'm not totally

satisfied" with Pienaar's decision.

the U.N. chief said. "Elimination

(of Koevoet) would create a bet-

But adding an optimistic note, he said: "If nothing happens

which would undermine the situa-

tion, which is a favourable situa-

tion, we can expect the elections

The South West Africa Peo-

ple's Organisation (SWAPO) and

U.N. human rights monitors have

accused the security force of in-

timidating SWAPO supporters in

the party's political heartland

Namibian anthorities say

Koevoet has been dispersed and

Perez de Cuellar recognised that

its presence had already been cut

will take place on Nov. 6."

them individually.

ter situation.

Abkhazians are a minority in

A spokesman for the Interior

into the hands of extremists."

hunting guns," TASS said.

"In Kaspsky district, extremists

"In the town of Samtredia,

Special flights continued to

agency said.

rail traffic.

BAMAKO (R) - Chad and A provisional agreement was

approved by foreign ministers on Friday morning and submitted to heads of state for signing at a two-day meeting in the Malian Five African leaders, including

Libya's Muammar Qadhafi and

"The heads of state will

Thursday with an entourage of

It was a diplomatic triumph for

Moussa Traore of Mali.
"The fact that Habre and Qadhafi met is an immense

Chad and Libya, at war since 1973 over the supposedly miner-"They have agreed now to a

ber of commitments on a wide range of subjects, including Aouzou," one source said.

Hague)," he said.

## Palestinians endorse re opening of W. Bank schools

(Agencies) — Palestinian nationalists and Muslim fundamentalists urged Arab pupils Friday to return to their studies peacefully when Israel allows primary schools in the occupied West Bank to reopen Saturday. About 200,000 Palestinian chil-

dren in elementary schools and the final year of high school were due to return to classes, closed by military order during most of the 19-month uprising in occupied territories. In a leaflet distributed Friday,

the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, which had set a general strike for Saturday, specifically exempted the schools.

"We are calling on all students and teachers to go on Saturday, June 22, to the schools, to study in them in an orderly way and keep classes going steadily without problems. This does not contradict the

full strike we bave called in the last leaflet that includes workers, public transport and shops." the

nian educator, and leading Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) supporter Faisal Husseini called publicly for a peaceful resumption of education, demanding that Israeli troops stay away from schools to avoid provoca-Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak

Rabin, under strong U.S. pressure. decided last week to reopen 1,000 West Bank schools even though he failed to get formal assurances from nationalist leaders that pupils would not bold anti-Israeli protests. Mahshi told Reuters Friday that

the underground leaders of the uprisshould in their next com urge pupils to concentrate on their "If the unified leadership says

schools are to work schously and children are to observe studies during school hours, this will make the difference. If they reflect the attitude of the community, this is what they will

Children in grades one through six and in their senior year in high school will go back to classrooms Saturday, No date has been set for a resump-

Nations schools. West Bank elementary and secondary schools previously were reopened for two brief intervals, once in mid-1988 and most recently in late December and early January.

Colleges, universities and vocational schools in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip remain shut, keeping 20,000 students out of classes. The army has announced no plans for

## Shamir said pushing election plan despite Likud constraints

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir met twice this week with Palestinians in the occupied territories to promote his election plan, a spokesman said Friday. Shamir rival Ariel Sharon, the trade minister, boasted he had blocked Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) approval of the plan. The opposing stands on the Israeli plan for elections among Palestinians came as a feud deepened between Shamir and

Sharon, who has been challeng-

ing the prime minister in his own right-wing Likud bloc. But Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimeir denied newspaper re-

ports that the prime minister intended to dismiss Sharon from the government at a cabinet meeting Sunday. "If Sharon continues his divisive ways and causes problems in

there will be no choice but to fire him." Ahimeir said. "But now it is not practical." Ahimeir confirmed Israeli

the Likud, it may be possible that

news reports that the prime minister has met twice this week with leading Palestinian figures to discuss his election plan, but gave no details on the meetings or the Palestinian participants.

Sharon, who two weeks ago succeeded in having the Likud impose limits on the election plan, was quoted in the Yediot newspaper Friday as saying his move blocked expected PLO acceptance of the elections. A Sharon spokesman confirmed the

## Tail engine faulted for DC-10

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (Agencies) - United Airlines Flight 232 pilot had almost no control as he struggled to land a DC-10 that had lost an engine (an and sustained holes in the small wing of the tail, investigators said.

The Jumbo jet's hydraulic system, which is routed through the tail and allows the pilot to manipulate wing and tail control, contained no fluid as Captain Al C. Haynes tried to bring the plane into Sloux Gateway airport, according to National Tansportation Safety Board (NTSB) officials.

"The aircraft could only be turned to the right. They made three 360-degree turns" before Wednesday's crash landing, NTSB member Jim Burnett

While officials would not

draw conclusions as to the cause of the crash, the signs appeared to point to the blown rear, or number two, engine. The plane had three engines.

Burnett said the rear engine "has a whole fan section missing, including the fan, the disc and part of the rotor." The fan helps create jet engine thrust. He added: "This is the first time we've ever seen this." Officials said Haynes strug-

gled desperately for 42 minutes to keep his plane in the air after the rear engine suddenly lost power and cut hydraulic cables that control the Jumbo jet's wing and tail flans.

Burnett said that as many as 186 people survived, leaving 109 possible dead. He said 54 survivors were in hospital.

The deatth toil changed

slightly as investigators recovered human remains and examined wreckage from the crash. They were due to talk to Haynes and his three-man crew, all in hospital in intensive care, later Friday.

Earlier, United had reported 183 survivors and government safety officials had said IIO people died. The number of people aboard

the flight quoted by Burnett was

two more than previous counts and included a fourth pilot riding in the cockpit's jumpseat. Burnett said the wreckage

showed many perforations in the tail section. Cables carrying hydraulic fluid had been severed and no hydraulic fluid remained in the plane's wreckage, he said.

Losing the hydraulic system

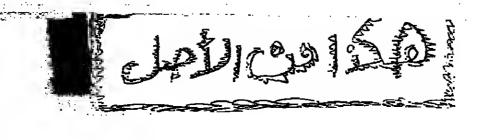
cripples the pilot's ability to control altitude, direction and

the jet's landing gear. Burnett, who said conclusions about the crash would not be released until the investigation and interviews were completed. said the engine's maintenance record funnd a problem with its pneumatic system the day before the flight.

The plane's flight recorder, the "black box" that records voice and instrument communications, was intact and under study in Washington, Burnett said.

Rescuers resumed their search for victims Friday among the wreckage.

They were concentrating on a large, blackened section of fuselage lying in the cornfield alongside the scorched runway.



On the Israeli plan to hold elections

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## Senate thwarts move to curb U.S.-PLO dialogue

Senate responded to an appeal from President George Bush Thursday and hrushed aside attempts to sharply curtail the U.S. dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

The Senate first voted, 75-23, to shelve an amendment offered by Senator Jesse Helms, which would have halted the U.S.-PLO talks unless the president could certify that the PLO diplomats present for such discussions had no links to "terrorist" activities in which Americans were killed, injured or kidnapped.

It then adopted, 97-1, a compromise offered by the chamber's hipartisan leadership which would stop the dialogue only if the president knew that one of the PLO negotiators was a direct participant in an act of "terrorism" and only if Bush chose to advise Congress.

Helms, who was the only senator to vote "no," called that "nothing hat a fig leaf to permit the Senate Department to con-tinue to do what they've been

advise Congress," Helms said. "It is totally illogical to propose that the president cut off his own funds by advising Congress. Forgive me, dear colleagues, this doesn't even make good non-

Senate majority leader George Mitchell of Maine called the compromise "far less offensive" than the Helms amendment, which Bush had said would hamper or end the U.S. role in the Middle East peace process and unconstutionally on his ability to make U.S. foreign policy.

"It is my understanding that if the president knows of such facts he will advise the Congress, Mitchell said, adding that he has a commitment from the White House on that score.

"It is my expectation that the president would comply with the law as written," Mitchell said. "It does put restrictions on meeting

In a letter to Mitchell Thursday, the president said the United States and Israel would be the big doing."

"There's no requirement what
"There's no requirement whatlosers if the Senate barred U.S.

He said adoption of the ban "would interfere significantly with, if not destroy" U.S. ability to promote peace in the Middle

After six months of talks between U.S. Ambassador Robert Pelletreau and PLO officials in Tunisia, the discussions are at a "promising diplomatic juncture," Bush wrote. "This is not the time to take away from the executive a

key tool of our diplomacy." Pelletreau is the designated U.S. contact with the PLO in the

The White House said Thursday Bush had exchanged letters with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and reemphasised the U.S. desire to "continue the peace process."

White House spokesman Mar-lin Fitzwater said Bush's letter. sent before the president went to Europe July 9, strongly endorsed Secretary of State James Baker's statements on the Middle East

Baker has urged Israel to accept territorial compromise and to stop further Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and

Fitzwater confirmed that Bush had written Shamir and "reemphasised our general position and our desire to continue the peace

He said Bush received a reply from Shamir, but he refused to characterise it.

Baker, in a May 22 speech, cautioned Israel that "the United States does not support annexation or permanent Israeli control of the West Bank and Gaza." It also opposes "the creation of an independent Palestinian state."

Asked if the Bush letter was a defence of Baker, Fitzwater said the U.S. position "was well-presented by Secretary Baker in all of his public discussions."

"We think Secretary Baker's many discussions on this issue have been in the interest of the peace process. We have wel-comed the elections proposal of Prime Minister Shamir as a concept that could lead to broader peace efforts and we would like see that process move forward," Fitzwater said.

## Israelis punish mother for 3-year-old's 'V'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - Israeli troops detained a Palestinian-American woman after his three-year-old daughter flashed a "V'-for-Victory sign at an army patrol, according to the Jerusalem Post.

An army spokesman said Na-jwa Bajjes Salem, 27, was released Thursday after spending three days in custody.

The spokesman, who spoke on

condition of anonymity in keeping with army rules, denied allegations that Salem was detained after her daughter waved a "V" sign.

"This is definitely not true," he said, adding that Salem was detained for "incitement" after an incident in her West Bank home village of Beitin, hnt gave no

The Post reported Salem was to be remanded until August 3, and Arab reporters said the army agreed to her early release after a

request from the U.S. consulate.
Palestinian youth who battle Israeli troops in the occupied territories often wave a "V" sign and chant slogans as army patrols pass by.

The Jerusalem Post reported that Salem, who spends several months a year in Beitin and lives in Milwaukee, was walking in the village with her three-year-old daughter and six-month-old son when an army jeep passed by.

A soldier jumped out of the jeep and grapped Salem, saying that her daughter flashed a "V" at the troops, the newspaper re-

The soldiers put Salem in the jeep and left her children with a friend of the woman, the Post

She was taken for questioning at a police compound, where she remained until her release, it

Salem returned to her fatherin-law's house in Beitin, a village near Ramallah, after charges against her were dropped. Salem and her lawyer, Ibrahim Alayan, said they believed she was released because of pressure from U.S. officials. Police had told her she would be detained until Ang. 3.
"If I didn't have an American

passport, I was going to spend a lot of days in jail ... I feel sorry for the ladies inside the jail who don't have American passports,

The United States sought clarification from Israel about her arrest and a consular delegation visited her in detention, U.S. embassy spokesman Don Cofman

"We were in touch with the government at many levels and we're happy she's out," he said.



#### Sudan's military rulers cut curfew

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's military rulers have shortened by one hour the nightly curfew imposed after a June 30 coup toppled Printe Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's civilian government.

State Radio Omdurman quoted an official statement as saying the curfew would now rum from 10 p.m. (2000 GMT) to 4.30 a.m. (0230 GMT), instead of from 9 p.m. as before.

A senior Sudanese official is touring Arab Gulf states to explain the motives and goals of the coup n Khartoum,

Deputy Chairman of Sudan's Revolutionary

Command Council Brigadier Zubair Mohammad Saleh handed a message to the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Tham, from military leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

The Qatan News Agency said the message explains circumstances and political motives which led to the coup and the goals Sudan is seeking to achieve" as well as boosting bilateral

The Sudanese envoy was expected to fly to Bahrain from Doha.

#### Kabul pardons **American** iournalist

KABUL (R) - The Afghan government freed American journalist Tony O'Brien from jail Friday, six weeks after he was captured by security forces.

O'Brien, who entered Afghanistan illegally with anti-govern-ment guerrillas, was handed over to a U.S. consular official at the Foreign Ministry.

"I just want to talk on the street," he told reporters. There were times in jail, he said, when he nearly lost hope of

an early release.
Told he was being freed just one hour before being handed over, he said: "I just threw my hands into the air and thanked the high Green" the high Gods."

The Afghan government had already amounced that President Najihullah had pardoned O'Brien, who was on assignment for Life magazine. He is expected to fly to New Delhi Saturday.

Afghan consular chief Hamyoon Askanar said interrogation of O'Brien convinced the authorities the 43-year-old photographer was not a subver-

Renny Travers Smith, a U.S. consular official from New Delhi, told Afghan officials: "It is not the policy of the United States that journalists should travel without visas but ... Tony O'Brien did not mean any harm to Afgha-

· O'Brien, a freelance photographer from Santa Fe, New Mexico, was captured at a house in Kabul June 8 after having crossed the border from Pakistan with Mujahedeen fighters.

O'Brien said his captors had treated him reasonably well. O'Brien was the first American connalist captured with the rebels inside Afghanistan during a

## PLO cool to death threats against leaders

TUNIS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is playing down Israeli death threats to its leaders, saying it had no evidence that Israel or any other of its enemies planned assassina-

Salah Khalaf, a top leader who has close links with the PLO's security apparatus, told Reuters the PLO was constantly on guard against threats from Israeli intelli-

The pattern of Israeli activity had not changed, however, since Israeh Trade Minister Ariel Sharon Monday urged the government to eliminate PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, he said.

fat's plane, or plant car bombs or

carry out an Abu Jihad-style operation, not in any particular place ... but our impression is they're still waiting for the mo-ment, ' he told Renters Thursday.

house in the suburbs of Tunis in April 1988 in what was widely believed to be an operation by Israeli agents.

PLO spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman said he doubted the credibility of reports in Europe that groups sheltered by Iran were planning to kill Arafat and other PLO figures.

Abu Jihad, the PLO's military chief, was assassinated in his

"I haven't heard of plots or "We often receive reports that even reports of plots. It's prob-they're planning to divert Ara- ably lies and wild rumours," be

A U.S. television network said Wednesday that radical Palestiman guerrilla leader Ahmad Jibril had accepted a \$122-million contract to kill Arafat.

Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, broke with Arafat in 1983 and is now one of his bitterest opponents. Bassam Abu Sharif, an Arafat aide known for his outspoken

comments, told Reuters in London he knew the names of specific Israeli army officers involved in plots to kill Arafat. But PLO sources said they had

not taken exceptional security measures since Sharon's threat. The organisation was already more concerned than usual for Arafat's security after Israel

showed it was tracking the movements of his plane on a tour through the Far East.

Israel Radio was the first news organisation to report that Arafat had disappeared between Pyongyang and Hanoi earlier this month. It later turned out that he had to stay the night in Peking because of flight clearance prob-

Khalaf, who is Arafat's deputy ment of the PLO, said the PLO was amazed at the lack of international reaction to Sharon's

"There's been bery little condemnation of Sharon and what there is has been half-hearted."

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Fateh congress postponed

TUNIS (R) - Fatch, the largest group in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), has postponed until next month a general congress to make a thorough review of the movement's strategy, Fatch officials said Thursday. The congress, the first since 1980, will now meet in Timis in the first week of August, they said. The meeting was originally set to open July 28. It will elect new leaders to replace the five Central Committee members who have defected or been assassinated since the last congress in Damascus in 1980. Salah Khalaf, deputy in Fatch to Chairman Yasser Arafat, told Reuters in a recent interview the congress would go over all the political steps taken by the PLO since the start of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

#### Algeria adopts landmark election law

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's National Assembly has adopted a landmark electoral law that paves the way for the first multi-party elections since independence in 1962. The law is part of Algeria's transition from a one-party socialist state to a multi-party democracy, launched after riots over deteriorating economic conditions last October. Algeria's official media said the National Assembly adopted the law Wednesday night after making 60 amendments to a draft presented by Interior Minister Aboubakr Belkaid. "You have placed a new stone in the edifice of democracy, deepening its practice in the field," Belkaid told the assembly after the vote. A law passed earlier this month allows the formation of new political parties to compete with the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN), which ied an eight-year war of liberation against the French. More than 20 parties have been formed ranging from far-left Trotskyists to Islamic fundamentalists and movements. seeking greater recognition for the country's non-Arab Berber culture. They are expected to contest local elections late this year or early next year, officials say.

#### Body of late Iraqi minister moved

NICOSIA (AP) — The body of former Iraqi Defence Minister Adnan Khairaliah, killed in a helicopter crash in May, was moved from his hometown cemetery Timusday to a special grave near the Martyr's Monument in Baghdad, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. The report, monitored in Nicosia, said the hearse carrying the

body was accompanied by an official procession led by President Saddam Hussein and other officials from the government and the galing Beath Party. The agency said the president put a wreath on Khairallah's grave as the army band played a funeral dirge and canons fired off a final sainte. "The president later plucked another bunch of flowers from the garden around the Martyr's Monoment and but them on the grave." "NA soid Khairallah may be be a land to the martyr and the mar and put them on the grave," INA said. Khairallah, who had been the deputy commander of the armed forces, was appointed defence minister in 1979 and held the post through the eight-year Iran-Iraq war. He was considered the second most powerful man after the president, to whom he was both a cousin and brother in-law. Khairallah's helicopter crashed in northern Iraq on May 6, after its

#### U.S. announces helicopter sale to Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Defence Department informed Congress Thursday that it would sell Israel four OH-58D observation helicopters with spare parts and support equipment for an estimated cost of \$39 million. The helicopters will give the Israeli air force the capability "to detect, locate and observe potential hostile activities," the statement said. The Pentagon said the sale contributes to the national security of the United States by improving "the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East."

#### British aide to visit ethnic Turks

ISTANBUL (R) - A British Foreign Office representative will tour refugee camps next week housing ethnic Turks from Bulgaria, British diplomats said Priday. Lynda Chalker, minister of state at the Foreign Office, will be the most sernior foreign official to visit the border crossing at Kapikule and nearby refugee camps. Britain has asked Bulgaria to respect its Turkish minority and to make humane arrangements for their departure, they said. More than 172,000 ethnic Turks have arrived in Turkey since early June, flecing what they said was a forced assimilation campaign. Bulgaria says they are tourists. Chalker will hold talks with Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Ali Bozer and Istanbul Mayor Nurettin Sozen during her four-day official visit to Ankara and Istanbul starting Sunday.

#### Assassinated Kurdish leader buried in Paris

PARIS (AP) — Hundreds of mourners clad in black marched in silent procession Thursday behind the body of Kurdish leader Abdul Rahman Qassemlou, slain a week ago in what his Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) has called an Iranian plot.

French government ministers joined women, children and Peshmergas, Kurdish fighters, in the march from Place de la Republique to the grave site at Pere Lachaise cemetery, in eastern

"The French government... presents its condolences," said Bernard Kouchner, minister for humanitarian action. "Qassemlou wanted to make peace in the name of the Kurds," he said in reference to the Kurdish struggle

for autonomy. "These was fear of Press. "If the Kurdish cause was his message of peace, so be was exorcised.

Qassemlou, 59, educated in Prague and Paris and head of the KDP since 1973, was assassinated July 13 in a Vicana apartment along with two other Kurds in the midst of a meeting with an Iranian delegation.

He was buried alongside fellow leader Abdullah Ghaderi.

Officials of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran have accused Tehran of luring Qassemlou to his death with the promise of an accord between the longtime enemies. Iran and Iraq, where the KDP is headquartered, have accused each other of the killings. "He was a great democrat,"
Kouchner told the Associated

not a fashionable one, it was because Qassemlou never hijack-

Lionel Jospin joined the mour-

Qassemiou's wife Helene, and two daughters, their arms linked. headed the procession, which followed a hearse draped with flowers. Many mourners carried huge portraits of the assassinated leader, others draped pictures

dish anthem and impassioned cries of "Vive les Kurds."

Kouchner said the French government would open its doors to 300 Kurdish refugees in the com-

claves in the Soviet Union and Syria. About eight-million Kurds live in Iran.

France has sent medical teams to various Kurdish villages for the past 15 years. Thomas Hammerberg, a for-mer head of Amnesty Interna-

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ed airplanes, took hostages or assassinated his enemies." French Education Minister

ners, estimated by police to number about 1,000, in their proces-

across their backs and fronts. The silence was broken only by occasional chanting of the Kur-

ing two weeks.

There are 20 million Kurds in Iran, Iraq and Turkey, with en-

"We hope it will be an act followed by other European countries," he said, adding that

tional, the London-based human rights organisation, also paid tribute to the slain leader, calling him "a father figure to us all."

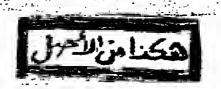
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By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The eighth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts, which ended Thursday night, drew to a close Jordan's most star-studded and variety-rich cultural event of the year.

An impressive, well attended (2000 +), Japanese Sochiku show kicked off the 16-day event with a successful start. It was Japan's first participation at Jerash. Rabee Al Khooli, a popular Lebanese singer attracted an estimated 4,500 fans to his one night performance at the South Theatre. The Ballet Du Nord from France, drew an estimated 4,000 people to its two performances and labelled the whistling Jordanian andience as "fun."

The Linkoping University Choir drew an unexpectedly large

audience and proved that an extensive advertising campaign can here a Jordanian audience to a cultural event with which it was almost certainly unfamiliar. All those Jordanians who were asked about the Swedish performance thought it was "excellent."

Another Lebanese singer, Walld Tawilq, drew an estimated 8,000 people to the South Theatre on the two days in which he

The Argentinian tango group also received a favourable reception, "considering that this is the first time a tango group comes to Jordan," according to Jerash organisers. The group played, danced and sang for almost 2,000 people during their two

The Lenningrad Bailet was attended by an estimated 5,000 people despite a major last minute programme change which

drastically altered the foreseen performance.

The United States' official representative at the festival, the Dimension Dance Theatre which combined African and American traditional dances, gave three superb performances. The group performed for a sometimes confused audience of approximately 2,000 people on three nights. One spectator said, "I don't think the audience could always follow what was happening. The Jordanian audience is not very familiar with contemporary dancing. I felt the audience could get more 'into' the African dances. Nobody explained the more contemporary dances, in correlation to the African-American stave experience to the viewers, maybe it would have been useful to have an introduction in Arabic as to what some of the more abstract performances were about."

There were some unpleasant surprises at Jerash as well. The Al Daraweesh Dance group from Egypt did not show up on the first night of its performance.

After receiving critical reviews from the Arabic press the play Salome forgot one of it's actresses at the hotel in Amman on the night of their second performance. Needless to say the performance ended after fifteen minutes and an angry andience left the

And the wardrobe of the Lenningrad Ballet was sent to Belgrade instead of Amman which promoted the company's director to cancel half of the foreseen programme

But it was the final performance of Moreccan singer Samira Said, on Wednesday and Thursday night that seemed to be the most controversial of the events at Jerash. While Jerash Festival Director Akram Masarweh insisted that there could not have been more than "a maximum number of 4,500 people in the South Theatre," members n the audience made estimates from 6,000 to 10,000. The discrepancy between 4,500 and 10,000 is clear, but assuming the number lies somewhere in between, some observers believe that is still far from appropriate for a theatre which is

equipped to seat 3,500.

While some viewers complained that it was "too crowded, the audience trampled, pushed and kicked everyone, Samira's voice was weak and she looked bad and she didn't even sing the song about Jerusalem." One observer said: "There must have been a hundred and fifty people sitting on the electric wires on the stage and just beneath it. I kept on thinking there's going to be an electric short and those people are 'going to go' right in front of me, I felt it was irresponsible to have all these people on the stage and in the theatre."

Another said "it was so much fun, there was pushing and shoving and everyone was clapping and singing, crowds are fun, the concert was great, Samira looked beautiful, and I had the time of my life. I definitely am going to come to Jerash again next

Whether they enjoyed it or not is a question that only the audience can answer but Samira Said's voice along with the sound of enthusiastic clapping of thousands of her fans brought the eighth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts to a vibrant end.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

REGENT CONGRATULATES POLAND: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Friday cabled congratulations to Polish President Wojciech Jaruzelski on Poland's National Day anniversary. In his cable, Prince Hassan wished the Polish President good health and the people further progress and prosperity. The Regent also sent a cahle of congratulations to Jaruzelski upon his reelection as Poland's president. In his cable the Regent wished the president continued progress and development for Poland under his leadership, and praised the strong ties that exist between Jordan and

CONGRATULATIONS TO BELGIUM: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassau, the Regent, Thursday sent a cable of good wishes to King Bauduin of Belgium on his country's National Day wishing him continued bealth and happiness and further progress and prosperity to the Belgian people. (Petra)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING: Minister of Education Abdullah Nsour Thursday chaired a meeting of his ministry's education committee which reviewed two working papers on education in Irbid and Zarqa. The papers dealt specifically with private education and vocational training in the two governorates.

2 DENTAL CLINICS OPEN IN MAFRAQ: Two dental clinics in Mafraq opened Thursday and started providing services to the local population. A health department spokesman in Mafraq said that the two clinics are provided with the most up to date equipment and highly qualified staff. (Petra)

JD 16.950 FOR CHARITABLE SOCIETIES: The executive council of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) has allocated JD 16,950 to support the work of various charitable societies. A GUVS spokesman said that out of the sum JD 5,000 will help the Ministry of Education's programmes to eradicate illiteracy in the Kingdom. (Petra).

ACC HEALTH MINISTERS TO MEET: Ministers of Health in the four member Arah Cooperation Council (ACC) are due to hold a meeting in Baghdad on July 29. Iraqi Minister of Health Abdul Salam Saced said that the four ministers will discuss an ACC health strategy in general and means of protecting the environment in particular. He said that plans for spreading health education and producing, distributing and marketing pharmaceuticals will also be at the top of the priorities. (Petra)

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE: An official at the Ministry of Labour has urged owners of businesses and institutions who have vacant posts to contact the recently established employment office at the General Federation of Trade Unions in Shmeisani to provide jobs for unemployed Jordanians. The source also urged the unemployed to check with this office to register their names, jobs, and addresses so that the available job opportunities can be matched with the list.

#### WHAT'S GOING ON

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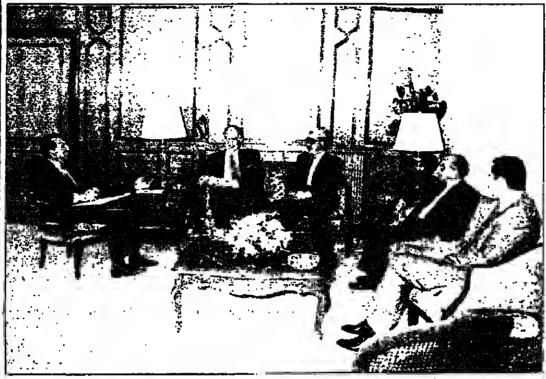
An art exhibition by three Arab artists representing Bahrain, Syria and Jordan at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.



#### Jordan remembers the late King Abdullah

AMMAN - Jordan Thursday marked the 38th anniversary of the death of King Abdullah Du Al Hussein, founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, who fell martyr while performing prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem in 1951. On the occasion, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent and other members of the royal family visited the tomb of the late King where they recited verses of the Holy Koran and laid wreaths

on the tomb. The tomb of the late King was also visited by Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. cabinet members, senior officials and high ranking army officers. The commander of the King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Batallion delivered a speech paying tribute to the late King's endeavours to unify the ranks of the Arab nation and to uphold and carry out the principles and goals of the Great Arab Revolt (Petra photo)



Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker Toursday receives the four ACC foreign ministers at the Prime Ministry (Petra photo)

## Sharif Zaid reaffirms Jordan's commitment to ACC charter

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker has reaffirmed Jordan's total commitment to the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) charter and pledged implementation of all its resolutions.

Speaking at a meeting here Thursday with the foreign ministers of Jordan, Iraq, North Yemen and Egypt, Sharif Zaid said come of their meetings which that Jordan was keen on promot- ended in Amman Thursday and

ing the ACC's activities and help fulfil the ACC's objectives for which it was established and serve the pan-Arab causes.

The foreign ministers - Marwan Al Qasem of Jordan, Tareq Aziz of Iraq, Ismat Abdul Majid of Egypt and Abdul Karim Al Iryani of North Yemen - briefed the prime minister on the out-

the various resolutions adopted to help promote coordination among the four countries in diplomatic and foreign affairs.

The prime minister discussed with the ministers current world affairs, the representation of the ACC countries at international conferences, developments in the Middle East and questions related to enhancing pan-Arab soli-

#### Awqaf Ministry to note all negative, positive aspects related to pilgrimage



AMMAN (Petra) — Pilgrimage has been accomplished with great ease because the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs committed companies in charge of transporting pilgrims to dispatch additional huses to he used in emergency cases and the housing facilities were good and cheap. Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Sheikh Ahdul Aziz Al Khayyat said Friday.

He told Jordan News Agency, Petra, npon his return from Saudi Arabia after supervising the pilgrimage process that hot weather conditions and the huge crowds of pilgrims might have caused exhaustion. He added that all necessary facilities were provided to pilgrims and special guides gave Islamic guidance to pilgrims on regular bases.

Khayyat concluded by saying that the ministry will take into consideration all negative and positive aspects related to the pilgrimage season so that all the negacive aspects are avoided in the pilgrimage season next year.



#### Asian soccer tournament AMMAN - Minister of Youth

Awad Khleifat Thursday depu-

tised for His Majesty King Hus-seln in opening the semi-final championship for the ninth Asian Soccer Tournament at the King Hussein Sports City. Taking part in the tournament are soccer clubs from Iraq, Qatar, Lebanon and North Yemen in addition to Jordan. Al Deffatain soccer club of Amman, which organised the tournament, played the first match against the North Yemeni team beating the North Yemenis 2:0. The match was attended hy around 15,000 spectators. Before the match started the participating teams paraded in the studiem before the spectators. (Poten photo)

## Ministry announces Tawjihi results

## 63.97% of students pass in exams

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education Friday announced the general results of the Tawjihi (General Certificate of Secondary School Examinations) for the 1988-1989 scholastic year taken by 58,618 male and female students in various streams.

The results were announced at lar students in the scientific press conference by the minis-stream, 9,433 passed, and the try's Director of the Examinations Department, Mr. Ahmad Taqi, who said that of the total number of students taking the have passed, and the average of examination in the past month there were 41,355 regular school students while the rest had had private studies before sitting for the examinations.

According to Taqi. some of the students were absent from the examinations and only 40,924 of the regular students sat for the tests which were set by the Ministry of Education for students in various provinces.

He said that of these 26,180 only were successful, and therefore the percentage of the suc-

cessful students is 63.97. Of a total of 20,003 regular students in the literary stream only 12,441, passed, and the average of successful students will thus be 62.9 per cent.

Of the 13,733 registered regu-

average is 69.9 per cent. Of the 4,581 regular students in the commercial stream, 2,484 success is 54.5 per cent.

the agricultural stream, 123 have passed, and the average of success is thus 75.4 per cent. Of the 2.375 regular students in

Of the 163 regular students in

the industrial stream, 1,311 have passed, and the average of success is 55.3 per cent.
Of the 399 regular students in the nursing stream, 316 have pas-

sed and the average of success is therefore 79.2 per cent. Of the 101 regular students in the hotel management stream, 72

have passed. The average of success is thus 71.3 per cent. Tagi thanked the teachers and

the supervisors who were involved in marking the students' papers and compiling the final

He said that students who failed in a number of subjects can get their results from their schools four days from now.

Earlier this month the Ministry of Education announced that students who failed the Tawjihi examinution or part of it can sit again for the following year's Tawjihi examinations.

The announcement was made by Minister of Education Abdullah Nsour who said that students can either sit for those subjects in which they failed, or even sit for all the subjects with the purpose of improving their results so as to stand a better chance for higher

The minister said that this measure will be in effect as of the 1988-1989 scholastic year, which means that it applies to the students who just received their re-

Meanwhile, the Public Security Department (PSD) urged students, their parents and relatives to refrain from violating laws and regulations concerning firing as part of their celebrations for suc-

cess in the Tawjihi examinations A statement said that firing during all kinds of celebrations in: totally prohibited in the country. and is punishable by law.

#### **Directors of farm cooperatives** in ACC states begin meetings

AMMAN (Petra) - A working paper presented by the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) was reviewed by beads of farm cooperaoves in the four member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries who opened a three day meeting in Amman Thursday.

The working paper, which re-volved around coordination and cooperation among farm cooperatives in the four countries -Jordan, Egypt, North Yemen and Iraq - called for the formation of a higher committee to meet periodically and to achieve that

The Jordanian paper outlined various pan-Arab and international areas where cooperation and coordination can be achieved, and emphasised the importance of joint action among Arab cooperatives in general and

farm cooperatives in particular. According to a JCO spokesman, the working paper contained ideas about joint ACC plans for producing and marketing agricultural crops, achieving greater measure of coordination in implementing cooperative projects, such as pasture lands and developing livestock wealth in the four ACC countries, producing improved seeds, helping the four countries to exchange agricultural crops freely as well as exchange

expertise and information per-

taining to agriculture.
In an address to the opening session, JOC Director General Mreiwed Al Tal underlined the significance of the meeting which he said was a translation of resolutions adopted by the leaders of the ACC group and aims to achieve integration among the four countries in all fields.

"Jordan believes in the world of cooperatives which seek to enhance links among farmers and people in the four Arab states." the JCO director added.

The heads of cooperatives later made a tour of the Jordan Coopcratives Bank, the Cooperatives Institute and a project designed to bolster coordination among cooperative organisations.

They were briefed by officials on cooperative hanking, training programmes and general activities by the agricultural coopera-

The three-day meeting will examine working papers from the four ACC countries; and the participants will make other visits to various projects, to be oriented on the Kingdom's cooperative movement and its projects in different areas.

#### Committee announces recommendations ct livestock wealth in Am

AMMAN (Petra) - An agriformed by the Amman Development Council, met bere Thursday and announced a set of recom-mendations designed to promote the livestock wealth in the Am-

man area. A statement issued at the end of the meeting recommended that the Jordan Cooperative Oranisation (JCO) take direct charge of the distribution of animal feed to the farmers and set up an addi-

tional number of distribution cencultural sector committee, tres, especially in areas where be encouraged. livestock is raised.

The committee recommended that a national plan be prepared to organise the process of importing and exporting sheep, and to select new breeds that normally given a higher yield of meat, wool and other products.

The committee also recommended that natural and artificial pasture lands be created, animal feed be planted on a large scale

and that fodder processing plants

It also recommended that dairy processing plants set up centres for collecting and refrigerating fresh milk, urged the government to reexamine the procedure of issuing licences for cattle farms and set up slaughter houses within the Amman Governorate.

Other issues discussed at the meeting dealt with water resources and the exploitation of state-owned land.

#### ACC states to boost cooperation in regional, international scenes

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negotiate with the PLO." Shamir's plan to hold elections seeks only to put an end to the uprising and transform the Arab-Israeli conflict to an Arab-Arab one.

Oasem said 'The elections is a democratic and basic demand with direct relevance to the practice of the Palesinian people to their political rights, mainly, the right to self-determination," he said. But when it becomes a tactical target, and not a strategic one that aims at peace, it would fail," he said.

"Jordan supports the PLO in its demand to hold elections in a democranic atmosphere which expresses what the Palestinian people in the occupied territories want. Adjustments to Shamir's plan by the Likud show that Israel has no real intentions to establish a comprehensive peace in the region through negotiations with the Palestinian side," he said.

On Jordanian measures to counter Israeli propaganda campaigns against the Kingdom, Qasem said: "Israel. throughout the last 40 years, has gained increasing support, both in Europe and America as a result of its continuous attempts. When Israel was dealing with a certain country unable to understand the realty of the Zionist phitosophy, that country reacted with extremism, which enhanced Israel's existence and possibility of expansion. But Jordan, in 1967, and for the first time, removed the mask off Israel when it accepted the (land for peace) principle. Since that time Israel has been trying to hurt the country, either through political rumours, or through false statements that the economic situation has become very difficult. But Jordan is

capable of dealing with the situation through the awareness of its people and their being accustomed to these continuous anempts in addition to its cooperation with the Palestinian people and other Arah countries."

He ridiculed Israeli rumours that His Majesty King Hussein was not in good health and its claims that Jordan intended to devaluate the Jordanian dinar and/or change it into a pound.

Qasem said that the higher triparute committee should be given more time to decide what action should be taken to reach an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon, opening of crossings. lifting the sieges and convening the Lebanese parliament. He stressed the

need for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and to give the Lebanese people the chance to settle the matter among themselves.

"His Majesty King Hussein has earlier catted for the formation of an Arab peace force to reassure the Arab countries and to protect Lebanon from the Israeli danger," he

In their efforts to support the intifada, Arab countries has met their obligations towards the Palestinian people, but Jordan, not able to offer direct financial support, has opened its markets for Palestinian agricultural products and agreed to channel it to other countries, Oasem said.

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#### Jordan has no fears

ONE of the principal myths that Israel keeps advancing on the international arena to frustrate the Palestinian exercise of self-determination is the absurd notion that an independent Palestinian state would constitute a fatal threat to both Israel and Jordan. In so doing Israeli leaders opted to capitalise on Jordan's exemplary reputation world-wide and to exploit it in an attempt to solicit support for its determined policy to abort the creation of a free and democratic Palestinian state on Palestinian soil. Many well-intentioned governments have fallen in this wellmanipulated Israeli trap and started believing in this big

His Majesty King Hussein's words to the European Atlantic Group in London Thursday laid to rest the outrageous Israeli claim that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has a lot to fear from a Palestinian state. In fact the Kingdom has no fears from any quarter. The theme of the King's speech to the group was the subject of an independent Palestinian state, which he described as an essential component of any peace settlement of the hroader Arab-Israeli conflict. His Majesty went on to say that the security and well-being of Jordan and all states in the region, including Israel, can only have expression in the context of a comprehensive peace settlement of the Palestinian case and the broader Arab-Israeli conflict.

So let it be known everywhere, especially in Tel Aviv, that an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip does not and will not pose any threat to Jordan. On the contrary, given the new facts in the Middle East, such a state has become a sine qua non to a permanent peace in the Middle East. King Hussein's categorical rejection of the "phobia complex" associated with the creation of an independent state of Palestine on national Palestinian soil is tantamount to serving all parties with a political notice that Jordan's acceptance of the establishment of such a state is firm and final. No party, especially Israel, should continue to delude itself with false and bankrupt hopes that the so-called Jordan option can still be resurrected. As His through the European Atlantic Group, Jordan's decision to yield full responsibility to the Palestinians over their future course was not taken precipitously but rather carefully and thoughtfully after twenty years of hitter and painful experiences. It would be prudent, therefore, to move ahead in the quest for a permanent and just settlement of the Palestinian case and the broader Arab-Israeli conflict on the basis of emerging new foundations and facts rather than look backward.

#### **JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS**

Al Ra'l Friday echoed parts of King Hussein's address to the European Atlantic Group in London in which he stressed the core of the Middle East peace process lies with the fact that the Palestinian people should be able to exercise self-determination. The paper pointed to the King's reference to Israel's obstacles that have so far impeded a lasting settlement to the problem and Shamir's elections plan which it said, can never belp bring about the aspired peace. The King wanted to place all the facts about the Middle East situation before the European Atlantic Group so as to win further backing for the just cause of the Palestinian people in their struggle to regain freedom, the paper noted. It said that the address was meant as an encouragement to Europe to shoulder its responsibility and to take steps to end Israeli inhuman measures against the Palestinians; which further escalate tension in the Middle East area. King Hussein made it clear that Israel's friends, specially the United States, should take steps to persuade Israel to stop its inhuman practices and to listen to the call of reason, the paper added.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily comments Friday on a meeting in Amman by Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries in implementation of an ACC summit resolutions taken by the heads of state of the four countries in Alexandria. The meeting in Amman, says Mahmoud Al Rimawi is designed to coordinate the foreign policies of Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen in all matters concerning the four countries on the one hand and those that are of interest to the Arab Nation, on the other. This meeting is also designed to formulate joint policies with regard to pan-Arab issues and world questions; and indeed there are lots of issues on which the foreign ministers of the ACC countries should reach consensus and agreement starting from the continued Israeli occupation of Arab lands to the Gulf question, the writer notes. He says that the Arabs expect the ACC foreign ministers to step up efforts towards convening an international peace conference to end the Arab-Israeb conflict, to find a peaceful formula for Lebanon and to transform the Iraq-Iran ceasefire agreement into a lasting peace settlement.

Al Dustour daily said in editorial that the King's address to the European Atlantic group in London served as a message to the world community which he urged to convince Israel to respond favoorably to the call of peace. The paper said that oo peace effort can succeed without the participation of the PLO which represents the Palestinian people and leads their struggle for freedom. The King's address to the meeting in London, said the paper, contained elarification about the Middle East situation in general and shed more light on Israel's inhuman practices and its plans to obstruct the peace process in particular, the paper noted. It said that the King displayed to the world community that it is Israel which is respsonsible for the lack of peace in our region.

# Palestinian state is essential for peace

The following is the full text of His Majesty King Hussein's address to the European Atlantic Group in London on July 20.

Mr. President, my lords, ladies and gentlemen,

I am pleased to be with you today, to share some thoughts on the subject of an independent Palestinian state. Such a state must be an essential component of any peace settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict, because peace can only endure if it is based on justice for all concerned

So much has been said and written about this subject that it has become difficult, at times, to distinguish fact from political polemics. Israel and pro-Israeli groups in the West try to promote the image of a Palestinian state as a mortal danger to its neighbours. Some groups still maintain the illusion that Palestine and the national Palestinian identity do not exist. Others suggest that Jordan is Palestine, or that the Palestinian problem is a refugee rather than a national problem. that could be solved by programmes of relocation and assimilation into the broader Arab

Today, I would like to share with you my thoughts on why an independent Palestinian state is essential to peace and stability in the Middle East.

When my great grandfather Sharif Hussein Bin Ali led the Great Arab Revolt in the second decade of this century, be reflected the political ideology and popular sentiments of the first stirrings of Arab nationalism. The revolt was an expression of Arab aspirations for independence, unity, and progress. The prevalent political climate, and the great powers of the day, prevented the achievement of these universally-beld nationalist objectives. Instead, the Arab World was divided into a number of nation states, with the encouragement of the great powers.

Yet, aspirations for Arab unity remained very much alive. The next fifty years would witness a series of attempts to forge larger entities - trans-national, pan-Arab groupings that would give practical expression to the grassroots will for a single Arab Nation. These early attempts failed; some because they ran against the wishes of the dominant powers. others because they did not address fully the complexities of forging a single national eotity from a number of smaller states with functioning institutional

structures. Similar to the European model, sub-regional groupings of states have been formed to promote economic and institutional complementarity as a precursor of political unity. Similarly, Palestinian national-

ism emerged in the early decades of this century as a pan-Arab movement. In 1950, it was given concrete expression in unity with Jordan, which was successful until Israel occupied the West Bank resenting Palestinian interests in in 1967. The combination of the prolonged Israeli occupation of the West Bank, and the emergent state-nationalism in many Arab countries led the Palestinians to claim an independent state of their own on their national soil. Now, and in keeping with the new orientation towards sub-regional groups in the Arab World. the Palestinian objective has become an independent state in

confederation with Jordan. When the Palestinians sought

unity with Jordan after the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, they expressed both their yearning for Arab unity and their recognition of the Jordanian Army's feat in salvag-ing the West Bank. Their request was expressed both in public ralhes, and through delegations to my late grandfather, King Abdullah Bin Al Hussein. King Abdullah cherished the union as a tangible step towards the goal of Arab unity. It echoed both the historie message of the Great Arab Revolt, and the contemporary political ethos of Jordan. Hence, he instigated the constitutional process that culminated in the act of unity of 1950. The act, which was ratified by a Jordanian Parliament, democratically elected in equal numbers from the East and West Banks, committed the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan "to affirm the safeguarding of all Arab rights in Palestine, and the defence of those rights through all legitimate means, and to fulfill those rights completely and not to prejudice a final solution, within the framework of national aspirations, Arab co-operation, and international justice of the just cause of Palestine.

Though the West Bank fell under Israeli military occupation in 1967, legally it remained Jordanian territory, and the West Bankers remained Jordanian citizens. In the seventies, they began to express a more distinct brand of Palestinian nationalism, for several reasons: Their prolonged physical separation from the East Bank, their harsh plight under occupation, and the evolvement of state nationalism in the Arab World.

Recognising this fact, and in fulfillment of our constitutional pledge to defend Palestinian ights and not to prejudice a final solution of the Palestinian issue, Jordan offered the united Arab Kingdom proposal in 1972. We presented three options for regulating Jordanian-Palestinian relations after the withdrawal of Israel from the occupied terri-

(1) Return to unity as before the Israeli occupation; (2) full independence; and (3) federation between the two banks of the Jordan.

At that time we favoured fedexpression of our mntual commitment to the principles of Arab national identity while maintaining the constructive bonds between the East and West Banks. Unfortunately, the proposal was turned down by Israel, Egypt. and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

When the Rabat Arab Summit of 1974 designated the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, it also requested Jordan to continue repthe West Bank. We agreed to do so because we feared that disengaging from the West Bank, then, would have created a political vacuum. Israel would have exploited the situation to support its claim that there was nobody entitled to sovereignty over the West Bank, and proceeded to annex it. In 1982, the Fez Arab Summit

declared that the objective of the peace process was to establish an independent Palestinian state. The situation that resulted could

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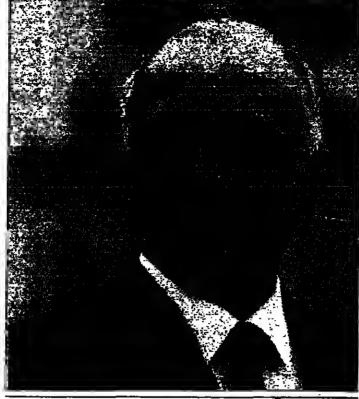
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only be characterised by imprecision and ambiguity. Jordan was expected to represent Palestinian interests, but not Palestinians, with no definition of the extent or limits of this representation. Consequently, all our efforts to coordinate a joint peace strategy with the PLO met with Palestinian scepticism and suspicion, and, ironically, with ontright Israeli rejection. The PLO feared that Jordan sought to impose its hegemony on the West Bank. Israeli rejectionism was based on the claim that Jordan did not represent the Palestinians.

For some twenty years, our attempts to promote a genuine and meaningful peace process on the basis of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, enconotered the major obstacle, that Israel was using the Jordanian option purely as a delaying tactic. In reality, Israel sought to eration as the most appropriate solve the Palestinian problem either by means of the "transfer plan," of forcibly pushing the unity and Palestinian rights. It Palestinians across the river, into satisfied the reality of Palestinian Jordan; or by its peculiar interpretation of the "autonomy plan," which would designate them alien residents. We had reached an impasse which could only be broken by dismissing the Jordanian option.

At this critical moment, the Palestinian national uprising, the intifada, started, in December 1987. The intifada set many things right: It focussed attention on the essential human component and political core of the Palestinian struggle; it dramatically reaffirmed the national identity of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories — a people deeply tied to the Palestinian earth that is their physical patrimony, proud of their cultural dentity, aware of their political rights, and fearlessly resisting ocenpation to achieve their national rights. Nobody could possibly claim that Palestine is a and without people.

affirmed the organic relationship between the Palestinians in Palestine, and the PLO leadership in exile. Day after day, the Palestinians in the occupied territories, defy the inhuman and arbitrary penalties meted on them by Israel for asserting their allegiance to the PLO as their sole legitimate representative. The PLO has transcended the narrow role of formal political representation to become the expression of a national identity and a national will. This is what Mr. Yasser Arafat means when he says thatevery Palestinian in the occupied territories is a member of the

We wanted to seize the moment to advance the peace process, but the experience of the previous six years had made it clear that, under prevailing conditions, the PLO would not enter into the peace process in partnership with Jordan. We needed to allay the PLO's suspicions of Jordan's motives, and we oeeded to disabuse Israel of the misconcepnian problem on Jordanian soil or through an extra-territorial Jordanian legal and administrative framework.

To achieve these objectives, Jordan decided, in the eighth month of the intifada, to sever its administrative and legal links with the West Bank. The disengagement had instant and positive results: it sharply re-focussed world attention on the Palestinian-Israeli struggle as the heart of the broader Arab-Israeb conflict; it also prompted the PLO to leave the confines of ideological puritanism and enter the realm of pobtical realism.

For the first time, the PLO began to deal with the Palestinian national cause on the basis of international and regional reali-ties. This transformation is embodied by its acceptance of the two-state formula, which the world had accepted in 1947, even Moreover, the intifada before Great Britain had withof United Nations Resolution

The bold new clarity in the PLO's political programme freed it from the legacy of the national Palestinian charter. The total liberation of Palestine, and the objective of a single Palestinian state in all of mandated Palestine is no longer envisaged. The objective has become a Palestimian state in part of Palestine; in Jordan and all states in the re-other words, in all the territories gion, including Israel, can only be occupied in June of 1967, the subject addressed by Security Council Resolution 242.

Mr. Yasser Arafat made this clear in the Palestinian National Council meeting in Algiers, in his address to the United Nations General Assembly in Geneva. and in subsequent statements. He also made it clear that the Palestimans want an independent state on their national soil, with all the legal rights and attributes of and permanent peace settlement. national sovereignty that are en-joyed by Israel and all other states of the world. Moreover, this new outlook was bolstered by the unanimous endorsement of the Arab World in the recent Casabianca summit.

The Palestinians and the Arab World have made a historic compromise — to concede geography, but not quality of national rights. The PLO has now met all the prerequisites and require-ments to achieve peaceful settlement of the Palestinian-Israeliconflict, in line with international legitimacy, and global consensus.

We believe that Europe identified correctly the political imperative of our region when it stated, in the Venice Declaration, that the "Palestinian people must be placed in a position, by an appropriate process, defined thin the framework of the comprehensive peace settlement, to exercise fully its right to self-determination." We also believe that the Palestinians have articu-· lated clearly their legitimate demand for a state of their own, on their national soil, living in peace with its neighbours.

The one remaining obstacle to a just peace is Israel's inability to reach a decision on the future ofthe Arab territories that it has occupied by force for twenty two years.

Israel is governed by a coalition of the two largest political alliances in the country; but this coalition is based on the lowest. common denominator of political consensus. Its ability to act falls far short of what is required of it to react positively to new oppor-

For instance, Israeli leaders agree on the need to end the intifada, but they differ on what they might offer in return. The Israeli prime minister's proposal for elections in the occupied territories is carefully formulated so as to end the intifada without providing any tangible guarantees. of subsequent progress towards a permanent peace settlement.

To hold elections without a prior Israeli acceptance, in principle, of the applicability of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 to the occupied territories, as they were applied to Sinai, would be to engage in a process of considerable apparent motion, without substantive progress. A peace process that does not lead to the full exercise of Palestinian national self-determination will only exchange one deadlock for another. And yet, Israel persists in its rejection of moves towards a negotiated peace based on the

drawn from Palestine, in the form concept of Palestinian self-determination alongside the state of Israel.

The Israeli claim that a Palestinian state would present a mortal threat to itself and to Jordan is a sad manifestation of Israel's dilemma - unwilling to accept world consensus, and fearing the isolation that would result from being the only nation to reject it. The security and well-being of safeguarded by a comprehensive peace settlement that includes the just and permanent resolution of all aspects of the Palestine issue — an issue of a people who demand, and should exercise. their right of national self-determination on their ancestral soil. Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories and Palestinian self-determination are the essential components of a just

Israel's obdurate and rejectionist attitude is not new. What is new, though, is the questioning and soul-searching which the in-tifada has spawned among Israeli writers, journalists, academics, and even some politicians. They wonder about the future of Israel: Will it be safe? Will it maintain the ideals of the early Zionists and the founders of the state? Will it become a bi-national Jewish/Arab state? How long can it deny the Palestinians the right of self-determination which it claims for its people? What is the true economie, psychological moral, and political cost of perpetual military occupation? What possibilities can be envisaged for a long-term peaceful relationship with the Palestimans now under Israeli occupa-

It is heartening that after 41 years of statehood, the Israelis are asking questions about the fundamental relationship between Israelis and Arabs. Such questions have caused deep rifts in the Israeli polity, even within the major parties. Israel is starting to strain under the pressure of the realisation that it cannot be a secure state unless it allows the Palestinians to enjoy their own state in Palestine. The message should be clear: the Palestinian nation struggles to assert itself, to manifest its destiny, to exercise its political rights, and to protect its people within the security of a sovereign state. It is a message that should ring familiar to Israeli and Jewish ears. If peace and iustice are to be achieved. Israel must make a historic decision to cent the two-state solution in the land of mandated Palestine.

The opportunity is there, but it also has a political and psychological time-frame. It is not openended. It must be seized, nurtured, and translated into a genuine peace process. Otherwise, forces of frustration and extremism will prevail once

For years, Israeli leaders suc-cessfully diffused external pressures to face the Palestinian reality. Today, however, the pressures are greater because they spring from within.

The role of Israel's friends in the world is to convince Israeli people and leaders that this is the moment to respond to Palestinian and Arab overtures; that they have to answer the questions: will they accept land-for-peace? Will they accept Palestinian self-determination? If they do, the road to the peace conference will be open.



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## An attempt to kill cocaine at its source appears to fail

By Bryna Brennan The Associated Press

**VASHINGTON** — President Jeorge Bush's plan to combat ocaine at the South American ource is all hut dead just months fter its inception, according to ifficials who cite poor planning nd a lack of coordination.

The plan to eradicate and interept cocaine in Peru and Bolivia. - the world's main coca plant producers - also suffered serious ethacks because the two Andean lations are rife with corruption, ack resources and face enormous conomic and political problems, he officials say. In Peru, the argest coca leaf grower, an ambiious U.S. programme has been talted because increasing guerrila activity threatened American

South America was to be the nattleground for stopping the socaine flow into the United states. Bush, in his presidential ampaign, called for an "internaional strike force to hit back, juick and hard and often at foregn drug operations" to stop parcotics production at the

Most of the world's coca eaves, the source of cocaine, trow in Peru's Upper Huallaga valley, a lusb region at the foothils of the Andes known as the 'cocaine cradle." The sprawling region is a stronghold of a rebel group known as Sendero Luminoso, or Shining Path.

U.S. efforts to operate in the region and set up Bush's strike force were halted because of the security threat, said a spokeswoman for the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics Matters. She spoke on

Ground-level eradication, already inefficient because it is done by hand, was slowed further. Aerial spraying, which would effectively stop the plants' four harvests a year, is banned by Bolivian law and repeatedly put off in Peru.

Attempts by about a dozen agents of the drug enforcement administration to locate and destroy makeshift cocaine laboratories and clandestine airstrips have been curtailed by the guerrilla activity, forcing agents to move out of the region and ferry in by helicopter for daytrips.

With the strikeforce approach stalled, DEA agents are falling back on longstanding program-mes of advising local authorities. They continue to train Peruvian police while work goes on in the-Upper Huallaga valley to shore up a helicopter base to offer enough security against the guerrillas for American personnel to operate full-time in the region.

The work, according to a State Department official, includes "everything from lighting and wires to clearing the area outside the fence so you can see who's

At the same time, DEA agents lored for them by the U.S. army later this month. Charles J. Gutensohn, chief of cocaine investigations for the DEA, said in an interview that the training is primarily to teach the agents to deal with Peru's jungle environment and the guerrillas operating

Responsibility questioned

other regions, one first of all

thinks of the way these three

ideals are interpreted in deeds.

The universal value of these

ist (I do not mean communists

today, but those in my youth), he

would say, for instance, that

liberty did not have the same

significance in a capitalist coun-

try, and that equality had the same name but not the same

Moreover, for us Orientals or

Japanese, for example, the prob-

lem of equality has to be placed in

the context of relations between

East and West. At the time of the

French Revolution, equality was confined in the limits of the West.

At that period, it was not equality on an international scale. Howev-

er, I think it was a point of

departure. If it had not been for

the French Revolution, the prob-

lem of equality might not have

been posed on a planetary scale.

The achievement of these ideals?

Frankly speaking, it seems to

nature in each case.

When talking with a commun-

U.S. officials still disagree on

where prime responsibility for the Sonth American drug mission should lie, with options ranging from the DEA, whose primary role is law enforcement, to the U.S. armed forces, which would go after the traffickers and growers using counterinsurgency tac-

The CIA, noting the lack of definition, set up a counter narcotics centre in April to "combine operational and analytical support to our country's fight against international drug trafficking," said spokesman Bill Devine. He said the plan is to unite the intelligence community — the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Defence Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the customs service and the

Declining to elaborate on the mechanics of the CIA centre, Devine added: "The whole idea is to prevent overlap, for every-one to read from the same book."

Some officials say the CIA centre is yet another layer of bureaucracy. And a Senate aide who has travelled to the druggrowing region says the CIA centre could prove unworkable because the agency routinely reagencies because it "doesn't give up its sources, doesn't want to see them in court."

Bush's drug-policy adviser, William Bennett, is to issue a report in September to define the strategies for overseas and at home. A National Security Council report on "who does what" is under way, Bennett spokesman Don Hamilton said.

"Some countries have approached us and asked for he asked.

# Ancient new Babylon

BABYLON — For the last eight years the Gulf war has put Iraq pretty much off limits to many tourists. The U.S. State Department advised against visiting the country. But this is changing. War has given way to the truce established in August last year. The State Department's most recent advisory to travellers was still cautionary but pointed out that wartime conditions no longer prevailed. And Iraq says it wants to encourage tourism and is granting visas more readily.

Iraq's attraction for foreigners lies in its history, archaeology and, for many, the anra of romance that surrounds Baghdad, the city where Scheberazade whiled away a thousand and one nights with her exotic tales and Ali Baba boiled the 40 thieves in

oil.
Today the Iraqi authorities are seeking to develop ancient Babyloo as the nation's premier tourist attraction by reconstructing the vast Southern Palace that King Nebuchadnezzar built there in the sixth century B.C., along with the famed Isbtar Gate and several ancient temples. Reconstruction is also going on at other archaeological sites and most notably at Nineveh, or Mosul as it is called today, but oo nothing like the scale seen at Babylon.

If the Iraqi government carries out this promise to develop a tourist industry, it should eventually be possible to arrange tours of Iraq that would include both ancient archaeological sites and the many fine examples of earlier Islamic architecture. But for now, prices in Iraq are high, and it is not worth the expense and effort of a separate trip to the historical

sites of Iraq alone.

Rather, Baghdad and the reconstruction of Nebuchadnezzar's palace are best thought of as a bonus on a business trip or as

part of a Middle East tour. Such a tour could lead logically from the pyramids of Egypt to the red rock city of Petra in Jordan and contime by way of Baghdad to the Gnlf island of Bahrain. Archaeologists now believe that Bahrain was the site of the ancient civilization of Dilmun, where at the beginning of history 'the story of the Garden of Eden makes its first appearance.

Iraq takes its past seriously and delights in calling itself the cradle of civilization. For Mesopotamia, the fertile wedge of land between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, was the site of the early civilizations of Ur, Eridu, Nineveh and, of course, Babylon — home of the Hanging Gardens and the Tower of Babel, whose decadent, pagan splendor is recorded in the Book of Revelation:

Alas, alas, that great city, That was clothed in fine linen. and purple, and scarlet, And decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.

By rebuilding portions of ancient Babylon, Iraq is trying to create images of the past that ordinary people can appreciate and understand. Nearby countries, with proud pasts, have imposing ruins to show visitors the pyramids of Egypt, the Parthenon in Athens, King Midas's palace at Knossos in Crete. But the creators of Mesopotamian civilization built with mnd brick. not stone, and their handiwork has been reduced to little more than earth mounds. These make fine excavating sites for archaeologists hut are scarcely tourist attractions.

Even with the Iraq-Iran war over, foreigners should be aware that Iraq can seem an unwelcom-

ing country. It is tightly controlled. Foreign newspapers and books are banned, though a thin official English-language paper appears daily in Baghdad. The personality cult of its leader, President Saddam Hussein, has reached astonishing proportions. with vast pictures of him staring down from every crossroads, ev-

ery building, every office wall. The country is also expensive: with the Iraqi dinar currently pegged at about \$3.40, the exchange rate leaves a tube of toothpaste costing \$8 and the most modest meal in one of Baghdad's major hotels around S40 a head.

In summer, the heat is oppressive, with temperatures getting into the 40s Centigrade from June through September. Heat exhaustion is a hazard, and a dusty wind adds to the unpleasantness. Winters are cooler. Babylon is the closest major

historical site to Baghdad, about

100 kilometres south on a tolerably good road. At present the only practical way to get there is by taxi, which is expensive. The large Baghdad hotels all have their own taxi services with sizable, com-fortable cars in reasonably good condition. The opening price may well be 100 dinars, or \$340, for the day trip, but bargaining should get this down to \$200 to \$240. The smaller, local taxis that swarm around the big hotels are cheaper but they are less comfortable and reliable. The best thing is to try to share a hotel car with like-minded guests. The hotel will help put together parties.
The drive to Baylon takes an hour and a half. Visitors should

wear informal clothes and good hiking shoes because plenty of walking and climbing are in-volved. After a police checkpoint at the outskirts of Baghdad, the

road runs across flat, muddy country, dotted with palm groves and market gardens.

The first glimpses of Babylon are indeed disappointing.
"Clothed in fine linen and purple" the city may have been, but today the signpost pointing to Nebuchadnezzar's unexcavated Northern Palace reveals only a huge earth mound. Soon the road swings to the right and there. 31 the end of an avenue of trees. stands a fortified gateway of blue glazed tiles decorated with dragons and bulls. It is a half-size reconstruction of the Ishtar Gate. which once stood on the Processional Way, ancient Babylon's main thoroughfare. Ishlar was the most widely worshipped goddess in Bahylonian religion; and it was along the Processional Way that the images of the gods were carried during the New Year fes-

The gate's reconstruction, like that of the Southern Palace itself. is based on designs by Robert Koldewey and Walter Andrae. the German archaeologists who excavated the area before World War I and carried off to Berlin most of the magnificent glazed tiles that once covered the gate and the principal palace cham-

The gate marks the entrance to reconstructed Babylon, which is essentially the Babylon of King Nebuchadnezzar, the city's most famous monarch, and one of the towering figures of the ancient world, who ruled from around 604 to 562 B.C. The king figures prominently in the Bible, though since he sacked Jerusalem and brought many Jews back to Baby. ton in captivity, its portrait of him is less than flattering.

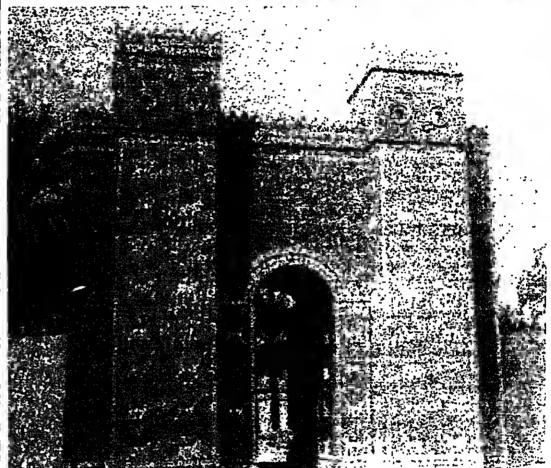
The Ishiar Gate leads to a

courtyard with a gift shop selling books and maps of Babylon and a museum showing reconstructions of the city that include the unpressive Etemenanki Ziggurat, behaved to be the original Tower of Babel. From here visitors walk up to the wide flagged Processional Way, which overlooks the reconstructed Southern Palace now approaching completion. For the last three years more than 1.000 Sudanese labourers have been piling yellow brick upon yellow brick, rehuilding this immense edifice, formed around five great courtyards and containing about 500 rooms. Today the outer, crenelated walls, which the Greeks considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. along with the Hanging Gardens. are awesome in length and height. But the succession of bare roofless rooms inside seem uninteresting, except for the vaulted subterranean chambers, and the Throne Room.

Koldewey and Andrae thought the underground chambers were the foundations of the Hanging Gardens, though contemporary archaeologisis say they were storage rooms. The huge Throne Room, with its dais, was the probable site of Belshazzar's Feast, when the prophet Daniel read the writing on the wall foreteling Babylon's destruction, and its has a spooky feeling even

As impressive as the reconstructed palace are the remains of the first Ishtar Gate, now sunk below the level of the Processional Way, which Nebuchadnezzar decorated with unglazed dragons and butls and special inscribed

bricks proclaiming that he huit: it. The reconstructed Temple of Nin Makh, which is usually closed to visitors, stands nearby and beyond it a rest area with picnic tables, where cold drinks and snacks are on sale.



Half-size reconstruction of the Ishtar Gate is decorated with dragons and bulls.

#### iberty, equality and fraternity — in their perfect forms attract my attention, I will men-

The Jordan Times will reprint several of these interviews over the next week

Shusaku Endo, (writer)

Shusaku Endo is one of the greatest, and, for some, the greatest, of Japanese writers today. For a number of years, he has also been the best-known Japanese writer in France, as many of his books have been translated into French. Shusaku Endo was born in Tokyo in 1923. First, he lived in Talian in northern China and only returned to Japan in 1933 with his mother after his divorce. He was baptised at the age of 11 and is a Catholic novelist whose spiritual preoccupations inspire most of his works (during a stay in France in the early 1950s, in Lyons, he studied Mauriac and Bernanos), but, for all that, he is still one of the most widely read writers in his own country. His numerous books have gained him the most prestigious literary distinctions in Japan. ple in Latin America but also in

The historical significance of the French Revolution?

Several years ago. I went to visit the "Invalides" where there is a museum on the Revolution. As I was asking questions about Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette, the guide asked me wby I, a Japanese, was interested in those things which, in his opinion, were none of my business.

Yet, for people of my generation, when one speaks of the French Revolution, its three ideals, liherty, equality and fraternity, are familiar.

Indeed, after the Second World War, when Japan was occupied by the Americans, these three words were often on the lips of my compatriots and the French Revolution was frequently quoted as an example in our

publications. The French Revolution has an international dimension and has provided the world with a procedure for reflection on democracy, on social structure and on the very notion of Equality and the

When one thinks of the political regime of a country, for examfraternity, for instance, is impossible.

If all men believed in a religion which, like Buddhism, taught that salvation lay in abandoning all attachments one might bave on earth, then it would be possi- of attachment.

me that a perfect achievement of ble to speak of perfect equality

military and economic assist-

ance," Hamilton added, declin-

ing to name the nations. "Such

requests are indeed under consid-

An administration official wbo

works closely with drug issues

said Peru expressed an interest in

military training and upgrading

its equipment, mostly aged Soviet

weaponry. But the official, who

refused to be further identified,

said direct U.S. military involve-

ment of the kind reportedly being

considered by the National Security Council is "effectively a dead

issue" because none of the

cocaine-producing countries will

The idea of increased U.S.

involvement or sending soldiers

to South America has generated

strong opinions, with opponents citing the possible loss of Amer-

ican lives and proponents arguing

that a direct role increases the

cocaine investigations, opposes a

military role hut endorses his

agency's overseas involvement.

the mission is law enforcement.

When we get issued the badge

you know it could happen," he

being killed as a DEA agent.

"Upstairs there are 35 badges of

(dead) agents hanging on the

But Arnold Trebach, president

of the Drug Policy Foundation, a

think tank, sees U.S. involve-

ment in South America as futile.

growing in our own country, what

person would dare suggest we

could control it in Peru, Bolivia?'

"If we can't control marijuana

Gutensohn, the DEA's chief of

"The tactics are paramilitary;

invite American troops.

chance of success.

and fraternity.

However, Christianity does not preach detachment from this world. For example, love is not a sin for Christianity whereas it is, for Buddhism because it is a form

The French Revolution and its major achievement, the Declaration of the Rights of Man, whose Bicentenary is now being celebrated all over the world, concern us all, from Tokyo to Ottawa and including Buenos Aires, Reykjavik, Moscow, Singapore and Conakry.

Eminent personalities on a world scale in their field, be it political, economic, religious, cultural or sportive, agreed to speak about them in "L'Actualité en France."

Some of them accepted to reply to specific questions. Others preferred to give their spontaneous reflections on these subjects whose topicality is more than ever felt.

The diversity of opinions on the French Revolution is matched by the ardent unanimity for the defence of the Rights of Man, conquered in 1789.

Christianity, therefore, does French Revolution). not make it possible to achieve liberty, equality and fraternity, in their perfect forms. But, as ideals, these three values remain objectives which are extremely difficult to attain, but towards which men should always strive. The interest of the revolution for a

novelist like you?

The French Revolution contains both sombre and beneficent aspects, with the former being represented by the massacres, the tortures and the death penalties (but this is not peculiar to the



the struggles for power or that of the sacrifices which have to be accepted in order to achieve a political ideal. In short, all the problems of modern times are already present

There are also the problems of

the aims and means (for the

French, Saint-Just symbolises this

problem) such as the matter of

in the French Revolution. As a novelist, without wanting

to write a work on the French Revolution, I am interested in it because it shows that, as far as human nature is concerned, there is no difference between Japan and France.

It is also possible to draw parallels, when speaking of human nature, between the French Re-volution and the problems of the Soviet Union at the time of Stalin, the Moscow trials, etc. The French Revolution is a very good example of the two sides of human nature.

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#### **Bush sets space goals** - Mars, supremacy

WASHINGTON (R) — President George Bush has proposed that U.S. astronauts return to the moon early in the 21st century and then blast off for Mars to make America the world's tap

space-faring nation again.
Bush chose the 20th anniversary Thursday of the first manned moon landing to unveil his vision of a "journey into tomorrow" and a new "pathway to the stars."

Although critics in Congress quickly questioned his plan on the grounds of enormous and unspecified cost, calling it a "daydream," Bush threw his weight behind grand goals designed to reinvigorate the troubled U.S. programme and restore America to pre-eminence in an area dominated by the Soviet Union.

"Our goal is nothing less than to establish the United States as the pre-eminent space-faring nation," he declared at an Air and Space Museum Ceremony in Washington, where he was flanked by the heroes of America's original moon landing.

He proposed a long-range. continuing commitment that would include the launching of space station freedom, the first U.S. orbital laboratory, in the

"For the new century, back to the moon, back to the future and this time back to stay. And then a journey into tomorrow, a journey to another planet, a manned mis-

WASHINGTON (R) - Inde-

pendent prosecutor Lawrence Walsh has asked a federal judge

to dismiss the most serious Iran-

contra charges against retired Admiral John Poindexter, Oliver

North's former White House

Walsh said Thursday he was

trying to avoid delaying Poindex-

ter's trial over the use of sensitive

national security secrets by drop-

ping charges of conspiracy to divert funds from U.S. arms sales

to Iran, theft of government

Poindexter would still face cri-

minal charges of lying to Con-

gress and obstructing the congres-

sional Iran-contra investigation at

his trial, expected to start this

Poindexter was Ronald

Reagan's National Security advis-

er for nearly a year until he

resigned when the Iran-contra

scandal was disclosed Nov. 25,

The same problems over discl-

osure of classified information

forced Walsh to drop similar

North was convicted no three

on July 5 to perform 1,200 hours

of community service and to pay

difficult classified information

protection act proceeding," Walsh told Federal Judge Harold

The charges arose from the scheme to divert millions of dol-

lars from U.S. arms sales to Iran to

the Nicaraguan contra rebels at a

nime when official U.S. aid was

"We're trying to avoid a long.

ter's former aide.

\$150,000 in fines.

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property and fraud.

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Walsh to scale down

sion to Mars," said Bush, who set no specific timetable nor allo-cated any hudget for his amhinous space goals.

Sharing the presidential platform at the museum, where the Apollo-11 space capsule other artifacts of the historic moon flight are on display, were Neil Armstrong, the first astronaut to set foot on the lunar surface, and Armstrong's crewmates, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Col-

Democratic critics greeted Bush's proposals sceptically.

"By proposing a return to the moon and a manned hase on Mars with no money, no timetable, and no plan, President Bush offers the country not a challenge to inspire us but a daydream to briefly entertain us," Senator Albert Gore, a Democrat from Tennessee, told a Capitol Hill news conference.

House Democratic leader Richard Gephardt said Bush had to show he could find the resources to restore America's preeminence in space.

"In sum, Mr. President, there is no such thing as a free launch," Gephardt said, adding that investments in education, research, science and engineering were essential if moon and Mars missions were to get off the ground.

"Financing them, establishing more than a rhetorical commitment to them, will be the president's real challenge," he said.

CIA fears

A related case against a former

Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA) station chief is imperiled

because of the danger of disclos-

ing certain government secrets,

sources familiar with the matter



Japan Socialist Party Chairwoman Takako Doi waves to supporters at Yokozanza station, near

#### charges on Poindexter Greene said he would issue a decision within a few days.

## Japan's first woman prime minister in the making?

By Tetsuo Jimbo

bunches of flowers. Crowds fol-

low her, shout her name and try

to shake her hand. Some 160

undercover police keep watch

on street corners and atop near-

by buildings as she campaigns for Sunday's elections for par-

Pollsters and analysts say a

dding scandai bave turned

new sales tax and an influence-

voters against the Liberal

Democratic Party (LDP), the

conservative group that has

dominated Japanese politics for

the last 34 years. Women's

groups also have criticised new

Prime Minister Sousuke Uno

because of allegations that he

kept paid mistresses. Doi's popularity is expected

to make the Socialists the main

beneficiaries of the voters' an-

ger with the ruling party. Her

party, the largest opposition

group in parliament, hopes to

increase its share of the 252-

seat upper house from 43 spots

to at least 65. Pollsters say the Liberal Democrats likely will

fall from 142 seats to fewer than

agined she would become this

BANGKOK (AP) - Prime

Minister Chatichai Choonhavan

and other top officials have wel-

comed Vietnam's support for a

proposed truce in the war be-

tween the government it installed in Cambodia and guerrilla forces.

Nguyen Co Thatch told Viet-

namese television Wednesday

that he agreed with the proposal

Cahrichai made earlier this year

for a truce before Vietnam's pull-

out by Sept. 30.
"The Cambodian issue cannot

be solved peacefully without a cease-fire," Thach said, accord-

ing to official Radio Hanoi, moni-

ports the Thai prime minister's proposal that the Camhodian par-

ties sign a ceasefire agreement in Bangkok, and considers this as

part of a political solution to the

Asked for reaction. Chatichai

said he had not yet received the

report, hut added that "if the four

Cambodian parties agree it would

Foreign Minister Siddhi Savet-

sila told reporters the issue

Cambodian issue," he said.

"Therefore, Vietnam fully sup-

tored in Bangkok.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister

"To be honest, I never im-

hament's upper house.

KOHRIYAMA — In a new The Justice Department is contwist for a Japanese socialist sidering intervening in the case of Joseph Fernandez, about to be put on trial by Walsh, said govpolitician, party Chairwoman Takako Doi is enjoying something akin to celebrity status.
Schoolgirls await ber with ernment sources who spoke to the AP on condition of anonym-

ity Thursday.

Asked about the Fernandez case, Justice Department spokes-man David Runkel said: "There are various options that are being

Asked if the options include a move by the department that would scuttle the case, Runkel said, "that's not a decision that

we would ever make. "There are very serious matcharges against North, Poindexters being discussed with respect to the Fernandez case and the discussions are ongoing," said felony charges and was sentenced Mary Belcher, a spokeswoman

for Walsh. The difficulties revolve around the CIA's fears that too much information about the agency's activities that is now classified is being sought for public use in

Fernandez' trial. Fernandez, the Costa Rica station chief who secretly assisted North's contra resupply network in 1985 and 1986, is accused of two counts of obstruction and two counts of making false statements to Iran-contra investigators.

The Associated Press

On Wednesday, some 3,000 people packed the parking lots

politics," Doi, wearing a white printed suit, called ont from the top of a camp

After pausing for the cheers, she added: "Give us a chance to run the government. We can do it. We can make tomorrow's

60-year-old former labour union official challenging two ruling party incumbents, said Doi talks about specific policies but she makes it so easy to understand for ordinary

about winning Sunday.

"Though there are many more hurdles to be cleared, the opposition camp never had such a golden opportunity to take over the government before," said Takayoshi Miyagawa, president and noted political analyst at Seiji Koho Centre

should be raised at an interna-

tional conference on Cambodia

He said a truce pact could be

signed there, but added that he

thinks it will be impossible to get

the Cambodian factions to agree

Both Hun Sen and Prince

Norodom Sihanouk, leader of the

three-party guerrilla coalition, said in May they agreed in princi-ple to a ceasefire. But the Khmer

Rouge, the largest and most

hardline guerrilla force, rejected

it unless Vietnamese forces first

withdrew under international su-

Vietnam has pledged to with-

draw all its estimated 60.000 to

whether there is a settlement or

Do Muoi and Thach.

70,000 troops by Sept. 30,

on it.

pervision.

due to start July 30 in Paris.

a prominent research firm. And if the apposition actually takes over the government, the head of the largest party in the opposition camp would naturally became prime minister." he added.

But the opposition has been

"I would love to see Doi become prime minister," said a 56-year-old housewife who listened to her speech. "But I am not sure what it means to have a socialist government. I came

ty would not make drastic

politics," she told a news conference after her speech. "It is wrong to think we were trying to bring drastic changes to this

such steps as scrapping the U.S.-Japan security treaty. Doi said her party would not unilaterally abandon the pact. A 40-year-old longtime sup-

porter of the ruling party said, after listening to Doi speak, that he would vote for a Socialist candidate for the first time in Sunday's election.

give the Socialist a chance."

## Tamil group ends boycott of parliament

COLOMBO (Agencies) - Twelve former Tamil guerrillas took their seats Friday in parliament, ending a five-month boycott by disavowing a separatist campaign to divide the island nation.

The EROS members joined parliament as it debated whether

to extend a state of emergency

imposed a month ago to try to

"Emergency laws are not going to solve any problems of the people," Ratnasabapathy said. "The government will have to use

democratic methods to bring ab-

Tamil rebels began fighting for a separate country in 1983. Four years later, the Sinhalese domin-

ated government offered the re-

bels limited autonomy in ex-

change for a surrender of weapons. But the Tigers rejected the plan and began fighting Indian peacekeeping soldiers sent to

The agreement also sparked a backlash from Sinhalese radicals

who began attacking the govern-

ment, saying it was giving too many concessions to the Tamils. The two conflicts have left at least

Both the government and Ti-gers called for the withdrawal of

India's 40.000 soldiers in Sri

Lanka, but New Delhi has re-fused, saying the Tigers would step up attacks on rival Tamil.

India got involved in Sri Lank-a's ethnic problems because of its

role as a regional power and the

sympathies of its own 60 million

Tamils comprise 18 per cent of

Sri Lanka's 16 million people and

claim they are discriminated

against in jobs and education by

the Sinhalese, who make up 75

per cent of the population and control the military and govern-

violating military orders.

The spokesman said the 1975

law under which the two were

confined was enacted "to prevent

acts and deeds endangering the sovereignty and security of the

state, peace and tranquility of the public and basic rights of the

In conditions recalling banning

orders in South Africa, the

opposition leaders were barred.

from contacting anyone ontside and were allowed visits only by

Relatives living with them were

The spokesman mentioned in

particular an interview Aung Suu

Kyi gave to the U.S. radio station

Voice Of America Wednesday in

which she condemned the milit-

ary government as fascist.
"We felt very much insulted by

that false accusation because ev-

erybody knows the tatmadaw

(army) was born out of the resist-

ance against fascism and im-perialism," he said.

On Wednesday Aung San Sun Kyi called off a planned march to

commemorate the anniversary of

her father's 1947 assassination

because she feared troops would

ing our people into a killing field."

she said in an interview with

Reuters, and added: "It certainly

shows we have a fascist govern-

We have no intention of send-

only allowed to leave the houses.

close family members.

under guard.

Tamils for the rebei cause.

curb ethnic violence.

out a solution "

enforce it.

15,000 dead.

Rangoon cracks down

on opposition leaders

"We come here today in the hope of using parliament as a forum to propagate on behalf of the Tamii people, although we do not think parliament can resolve the ethnic problems of this country," Eliyathamby Ramasaba-pathy, of the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students, (EROS), said after taking the

mandatory oath. The opposition party, won 13 of the 225 parliament seats in the Feb. 13 general election.

The 13th EROS lawmaker did

not attend Friday's sessions because he could not get to parlianent on time, colleagues said. They did not elaborate.

They boycotted the session unnil Friday, demanding the government release Tamil political prisoners, hold peace talks with the most militant guerrillas and abolish the sixth amendment to the constitution, which requires all lawmakers to take an oath dis-avowing the division of the island

along ethnic lines. EROS is widely believed to be closely linked with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the biggest and most militant of the Tamil groups waging a six-year-old campaign for a separate nation in the north and

Ramasabapathy said his group was satisfied the government bad met most of its demands.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa's government opened peace talks with the Tamil Tigers May 4, the first direct contact since the insurgency began, and ordered the release of hundreds of Tamil political prisoners.

RANGOON (R) - The two

most prominent opposition leaders in Myanmar (formerly Bur-

ma) have been placed under

house arrest for endangering the

state, a spokesman for the milit-

The spokesman said Aung San

Sun Kyi, secretary of the Nation-

retired General Tin Oo, the

league's chairman, were con-

fined to their homes and were to

Under the law they could be

confined for up to one year, the

Aung San Suu Kyi, 44, daugh-ter of independent hero Aung

San, and Tin Oo, a former de-

fence minister, were in the fore-

front of the popular movement

for democracy that emerged from

mass demonstrations last

Armed troops were deployed Thursday round Aung San Suu

Kyi's compound in a leafy avenue

in the north of the city, prevent-

ing anyone from entering or

The ruling State law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC)

which took power after last

September's military takeover,

deployed thousands of combat-

ready troops in the capital this

week to counter planned opposi-

martial law, allowing summary

military courts which could im-

pose the death sentence on those

The SLORC also tightened up

al League for Democracy

be held incommunicado.

spokesman said.

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ary government said.

The constitutional amendment was not abolished.

COLUMN

'I do's' followed by You're under arrest

MANILA (AP) - A 25-year-old man tied the knot and then found himself in handcuffs when police arrested him for murder moments after his wedding, a newspaper reported Thursday. The Philippines Journal said five policemen went to the town of Caoxyan, 320 kilometres north of Manita, last Sunday in search of Amante Besounday in search of Assamt Be-len, a former security guard sought in the April slaving of a factory engineer. When the police arrived, they learned that Belen was getting married that day, the newspaper said. The police went to the local church and found the ocremony in progress. Police waited patiently until the service was over. After the priest pronounced the couple man and wife, police Sergeant Reynaldo Enrico walked down the aisle and handcuffed the groom, the newspaper said. En-rico apologised to the guests and then hauled the groom away, the newspaper added.

#### Goria punched

ROME (R) - An angry neofascist deputy punched former Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria and showered him with abuse in parliament Wednesday. Eyewitnesses said Tomaso Staiti. of the neo-fascist MSI-DN party, lashed out at Goria after the two men bumped into each other in a corridor. "I'd been waiting for bim since this morning. I gave him a couple of good punches," said Staiti, who was upset by an open letter of Goria's published in the Milan newspaper Il Giotno. Parliamentary stewards separated the two men and Chamber of Deputies (lower house) President Nikle Iotti called for Stuiti to be disciplined. In his open letter Goria, who was prime minister from July 1987 to March 1988, defended himself against repeated attacks by Staiti over his role in a north Italian bank which collapsed in the 1970s.

#### 'Dead' baby cries

NATCHITOCHES, Louisiana (AP) - A 900-gramme baby was hospitalised in critical condition one day after a doctor declared her dead, a spokeswoman said Thursday. The girl began to cry moments before an undertaker arrived to pick up her body Wednesday. "The hair just stood up on the back of my neck. By the time the funeral home got there, we had her in the nursery and stabilised and on a respirator," said Dr. Lynn Brouillette. who had pronounced the infant dead. The baby was rushed to Schumpert medical centre's neonatal intensive care unit in Shreveport. Kanna Payton, 17, gave birth to the unnamed child around 5 a.m. Wednesday in Natchitoches Parish hospital. The baby was three months premature, Payton said. But the baby had trouble breathing, Brouillet-te said. Doctors spent 20 minutes trying to resuscitate her. "She had no noticeable heartbeat," Brouillette said.

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NEW YORK (AP) - A plastic shopping bag may have killed a beaked whale which died at the New York aguarium for days after it was stranded in shallow water off Long Island, authorities said. The whale's stomach was completely filled and partially blocked with plastic debris it had ingested from the ocean, a statement from the Okeanos research foundation said Thursday. "This probably caused the animal significant distress, possible dehydration, mal-nutrition, and may have contributed to its beaching and subsequent death." the statement said.

ment in power."

open fire.

Panamanians to stage new elections in the near future without specifically urging military leader General Manuel Noriega to

body failed at the end of a lengthy two-day session to spell out the meaning of a key phrase calling for a "transfer of power Sept. 1." U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

Lawrence Eagleburger said the statement meant "General Noriega must go.' But Panamanian Foreign

The victorious candidates in

taken power on Sept. 1. The government, however, annulled the elections after reports of a sweeping opposition victory.

dictory.

Ricardo Arias, an opposition vice-presidential candidate, said be was encouraged that delegations appeared to support Noriega's departure from power by Sept. 1. But he said the opposition worried that the OAS d undercut the results of the May elections by calling for a new

The elections were a virtual in February 1988 ousted President Eric Delvalle after Delvalle resignation.

Shortly after the elections, the OAS met in an emergency session, condemning Nonlega for abusing the electoral process. It formed a four-man diplomatic

#### OAS calls for new elections in Panama WASHINGTON (Agencies) — cial OAS meeting on Panama said the OAS action was contra-

resign.
The 31-nation hemispheric

Minister Jorge Ritter said it only referred to the need to find a

replacement for Panamanian President Manuel Solis Palma. who was handpicked by Noriega after a February 1988 coup. May 7 elections were to have

Panamanian opposition politi-

referendum on Noriega, a controversial general sought by U.S. courts on drug charges. Nonlega sought the military commander's

mission to induce a transfer of power in line with the will of the Panamanian people.

The OAS agreed Thursday to extend the mandate of the miscians who observed the third spe- sion until Ang. 23:

# consensus reached at two rounds government.

#### Khashoggi may be too rich to be free NEW YORK (R) — Adnan Khashoggi, the jetsetting Saudi arms dealer accused of aiding Ferdinand Marcos in a massive trendy bottle green safari suit with brass buttons for a hrown prison jump suit and sneakers. He is being held in a small real estate fraud, was just another inmale in an overcrowded New York jail Thursday as a judge considered whether he is too rich to be Unlike the Swiss jail where

granted bail. While news reports claimed the man whose fortune once totalled \$4 hillion was now down to his last \$40 million. He was sweeping his cell floor at the Metropolitan Correctional Centre (MCC) and making his own bed after being extradited

from Switzerland. Associates said he was cheerful and confident that he will he found innocent of helping the ousted Philippines president cover up ownership of four Manhattan skyscrapers bought with funds looted from the Phi-

lippine treasury. But the associates conceded that being in jail was hurting Khashoggi's husiness — selling Western weapons to Third World countries.

The man with 12 houses that are fully staffed at all times was sharing a cell with another inmate at the MCC, a federal prison in lower Manhattan designed for 449 inmates and now

housing 850. Alan Stiefel, executive assistant at the MCC, said that Khashoggi had to trade in his cell with a steel door, toilet, wash basin, clothes cupboard, desk and bed. Stiefel declined to say who his cellmate was.

he has been held since April while fighting extradition to the United States, Khashoggi cannot order out for meals. He has to eat what he is given at times no jetsetter would dream of dining - 6 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. for lunch and 5 p.m. for dinner.

The government is fiercely opposing any bail for Khashoggi, claiming he cannot be trusted not to flee.

Even Federal Judge John Keenan wondered at an arraignment Wednesday whether Khashoggi was so rich that he would be willing to forfeit bail for freedom.

"He could go hack to Saudi Arabia and thumh his nose at the United States," the judge said as he ordered Khashoggi to jail while asking his lawyers for hriefs to bolster their position.

Khashoggi's lawyer, Robert Morvillo, conceded that anything up to \$5 million hail would mean nothing to his client. But he insisted Khashoggi was no risk and would even pay for security guards pledged to keep him in Manhattan.

Three years ago, Doi became the first woman to head a major Japanese political party, after her predecessor resigned be-cause of the labour-backed party's defeat in the last national

Since then, Doi, 61, has moved the party's image away from doctrinaire leftist ideas.

in front of Kohriyama's railway station as Doi campaigned for the party's local candidate. "It is time to hring changes in

Japan better together." The candidate, Choci Aita, a

He added that her speech gave him "a very good feeling"

If the opposition were to win control of the more powerful lower house, in elections that don't have to be held before next year, Doi could become Japan's first woman prime

popular three years ago," said Sukio Iwatare, a party official and veteran lawmaker, as Doi spoke Wednesday to a crowd in Kohriyama, in northern Japan's Fukushima prefecture. "I think it is nothing but her lovable personality that led to this Doi fever." Thai call for Cambodia

criticised for concentrating on opposing the ruling party in-stead of presenting alternative policy proposals.

ideas and policies." Doi emphasises that her par-

changes.
"Continuity is important in

The Liberal Democrats contend the Socialists would take

"If the LDP can't meet our needs any more, I have to find an alternative," said the man, who declined to be identified. "I am not sure if the socialists can be it, but listening to Doi speak here today made me feel that it may be about time to

# truce gains momentum

Nguyen Co Thach

of multilateral talks in Indonesia the past year: "The withdrawal of all Vietnamese volunteer troops from Cambodia and the elimination of the genocidal Pol Pot regime," or the Khmer Rouge. The Cambodian factions are to

Another Radio Hanoi broadhold talks in Paris starting Moncast Thursday said Hun Sen stopday. Those talks and the internaped in Hanoi the day before on his way to the Paris talks and conferred with Prime Minister tional conference have opened the widest avenue yet for ending the fighting since Vietnam inter-vened in Cambodia in December The radio said the two sides agreed that the basis for a solu- 1978, ousted the Khmer Rouge tion lay in what they said was the and installed another communist

#### Marion Clignet: cycling champion and epileptic

PARK CITY, Itah (AP) -- Nearly five years ago, Marion Clignet was a bike messenger with a flat tire. But she learned she had a more important concern than finding a tire pump.

While Clignet was using the telephone in a Washington, D.C., bike ship, she had a seizure that was later diagnosed as enilepsy.

She overcome the handicap, and last Friday at the U.S. national cycling championships, the 25-year-old Clignet won a national championship in the women's team 50-kilometre time

"I'm as normal or as abnormal as any other cyclist," said Clignet, a parttime fitness instructor who's only in her third year of competitive cycling. "I've beenthinking about my national title a lot. I'm hoping there will be some sort of financial payback for me and, of course, for people who have epilepsy."

Clignet, who also placed third in the individual time trial has until next Thursday to prepare for the women's road race. She hopes to finish among the top 10. Only a disorder

"There are a lot of people who are hesitant to do things because they have epilepsy," said Cliener. "Parents are hesitant to put their kids in physical education classes because they have epilepsy. It doesn't have to be that way. Epilepsy is a disorder, not a

Although her team won the national championship by 17 seconds, the squad was put together one day before the race. With Clignet, Donna Rollings, Susan Griesbach, and Carolyn Donnelly, the foursome practiced for only for a few hours.

Among the losers in the race was the pending U.S. world select team. It finished third, 23 seconds behind the winners.

"We had the third, fourth, fifth and sixth place finishers from the individual time trial," Clignet said. "I wanted to do it only to win and beat the world team. I didn't want to do it just to do it."

Clignet, who also suffers from exercise-induced asthma, controls her epilepsy by daily taking six tablets of tegretol,

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Neither vulnerable, as South . J54 ◆Q1043 ~ QJ83 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass Pass

Pass What do you bid now? A .- Partner's jump shift is, of course, forcing to game, so you can't pass. It's a question of whether you should correct to three diamonds or bid two no trump. We prefer the latter because, with your soft values, you should do as little as possible to encourage partner.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you

+ Q9862 7 86532 +95 Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond? A .-- Any action you take now is only likely to widen the abyss that is staring at you. Pass. Don't worry about how uncomfortable it will be for partner to be playing one heart. First, it's unlikely the auction will die there. And If it does, you are not

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you **★AK97632** 73 AO76 **★Void** The bidding bas proceeded: South West North East

What do you bid now? A .- You are in slam territory, and the answer could hinge oo partner's heart control. Blackwood might not reveal his holding in that suit (suppose partner's response shows only one ace, what then?), so the answer is to cue-bid. And you should start with your lowest first-round con-

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: A9 842 + AKJ76

The bidding has proceeded: North East 1 .

What action do you take? A.—You have a minimum opening bid, but what a minimum! Three honor tricks, a ruffing value and three trumps. Four spades is the minimum you can bid, Indeed, if you play that partner's three spades is forciog, you should cue-bid four bearts. .

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: 26 J105 A104 AQ9852 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass 2 NT : Pass

What do you bid now? A .- Three clubs seems so obvious you might wonder wby this hand is in a quiz. Nevertheless, we consider three clubs to be a wrong answer; even if partner has a fit there is no guarantee the hand will produce 11 tricks. Our choice would be to play for nine tricks at three no trump-

Q.6-Both vulocrable, as South you ± K8762 : KQ5 ♦ Q7 ±953 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

Pass 1 + , Pass What do you bld now? A .- Close, but not close enough. Even though your queen of diamonds must be upgraded, your hand is riddled with losers. Pass. Partner occds enough for an iovitadonal jump raise to make game a reasonable proposition.

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#### **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

MEXICO BEATS GUATEMALA IN SOCCER

Shivas Guadalajara of Mexico defeated the Guatemala national team in Chicago 2-1 Thursday night to set up a final match with the U.S. national team in the four-team Mariboro Cup soccer tournament at soldier field. Earlier Thursday, the U.S. national team scored three second-half goals to defeat Ruch Chorzow of Poland 3-1. The U.S. team will meet Guadalajara in the finals Saturday. Eduardo De Latorre opened the scoring for Guadalajara in the 30th minute assisted by Concepcion Rodrigues. Guatemalas pressed the attack for the remainder of the half, but failed to score when standout Ranl Chacon hit the goal post. Guatemala midfielder Carlos Castaneda scored in the 56th minute. Ten minutes later, substitute Diego Silva scored on a breakaway for the match winner for Guadalajara. (R)

OAKLAND'S STEWART TIES MAJOR LEAGUE RECORD: Oakland's Dave Stewart won his 14th game Thursday night, tied for most in the majors, by leading the Athletics to a 5-2 victory over Baltimore Orioles. "On any given day, I'm capable of beating any team in this league," said Stewart, hit hard last week in his all-star game start. Those given days have rarely come against Baltimore, a team that turned down for a tryout when he was temporarily out of baseball in early 1986. Stewart, a 20-game winner the past two seasons, had not beaten the Orioles since Aug. 29, 1986. Dennis Eckersley pitched one immig for his 15th save. It was his first save since May 21, just before he hurt his arm and went on the disabled list. (AP)

SOWELL SHOULD BE HERSELF: The inaugural New York track and field games at Columbia University Saturday has attracted many of the best U.S. athletes, plus a smattering of outstanding foreign competitors. Among the foreigners is Dutch runner Nellie Cooman, who will face the challenge of emerging U.S. star Dawn Sowell. Cooman has some advice for the younger runner; don't try to emulate Florence Griffith Jovner. 'I hope she remains herself.' Cooman said Thursday. Cooman, from the Netherlands, is the five-time European indoor champion at 60 metres and the 1989 world indoor champion. Sowell, who burst into prominence this year with several clockings under 11.00 seconds, including a world-leading 10.78 that made her the no. 3 performer in history, recently joined Flo-Jo international, the running cluh formed by Griffith Joyner and her husband, Al Joyner, both Olympic champions. (AP)

#### U.S. football set to spread to Europe

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois (AP) U.S. professional football, something of a cult sport in Europe, may he set to carve out a permanent niche in the land

where soccer is king.

By a 27-0 vote — the Chicago
Bears abstained — the National Foothall League approved Wednesday the formation of the World League of American Football. For the first time, American football teams will be based in Europe, which over the last few years has shown signs of embracing the game.

The NFL, for instance, has played several games on Lon-don's hallowed soccer field, Wembley Stadium, and also staged a contest in Sweden. Weekly film packages of NFL games also have been big sellers on Europe's burgeoning television system....

The European teams are expected to be based in London, Frankfurt, West Germany, Milan, Italy, and Barcelona, Spain.

Montreal and Mexico City will represent Canada and Mexico. with New York a sure U.S. franchise. The others will come from a group of U.S. cities that includes Nashville, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Charlotte, Birmingand one of two cities in California, San Jose or Sacramento.

The only question now is when the league will kick off its first networks have expressed an in-10-game season.

Some NFL owners are looking ahead to the spring of 1991, but Tex-Schramm, the former Dallas Cowboys president who will run the new league, says he can have the 12 teams ready to play by

Dan Rooney of Pittsburgh, Chairman of the steering committee overseeing the new league, suggested 199I is a more realistic starting date.

"We're looking no farther than that," he said "That doesn't rule ont 1990, but we have a lot of work to do."

Schramm, who has been touring prospective sites, said one problem is reaching television agreements in Europe, which has no single network. He said that even if the league is sold to Eurovision, a continent-wide outfit, it would have to persuade stations in each country to take the games.

Another problem is the length of a game.

'They want two-hour blocks.' Schramm said. "They don't have three-hour sporting events the way we do.

On the other hand, there seems to be little question that some combination of regular and cable television networks in the United States will carry games. The U.S. networks ABC and NBC, which are losing broadcasts of baseball games to CBS next year, are the hkely candidates, although Schramm said all three major

#### Edwards triumphs in 'brutal event'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) John Kennedy was thinking of records. Mary Edwards wasn't thinking of anything.

Both approaches worked Wednesday night at the U.S. Olympic Festival.

Kennedy set a festival record in the 200 freestyle, giving him his second gold medal in two nights. Tuesday, he won the 400 frees-

Kennedy, who will be 18 Friday, said he hoped for a time of 1:51, "But I'm not complaining. My main goal was to shoot for the record," which he got with a time of 1 minute, 53.10 seconds.

"I was trying to mainly stay with the field at the 100, and I wound up taking it out pretty quick," Kennedy said. "I really concentrated hard in the third 50, then in the last 50, it's just whatever you've got left to take it home.

For Edwards, speed was all that counted. That's how it is in the 50-metre freestyle.

"It's such a brutal even1." said the 17-year-old. "It's just a jung-le, everyone trying to hit the wall

#### **Tour De France approaches Paris**

## Fignon storms to lead

VILLARD-DE-LANS (AP) - Laurent Fignon of France won Lemond in an astonishing finish the 18th stage Thursday and tightened his grip on the leader's to the 17th stage Wednesday. yellow jersey Thursday with three days left in the Tour De France.

Fignon took the 91.5-kilometre overall champion, won the leg (57-mile) leg from Bourg D'Oisans to Villard-De-Lans, near Grenoble, in 2 hours, 31 minutes, 28 seconds.

More importantly, he upped his advantage over second-place Greg Lemond to 50 seconds with three stages left in the 3,250kilometre (2,020-mile), 23-day event.

"The important thing is not to win a stage, but the overall victory," Fignon said.
"I did my best today," said

Lemond, the 1986 winner. "But it's not over until Paris." Lemond finished sixth in a group 24 seconds behinds Fignon for the day.

Pedro Delgado of Spain, last year's champion, is still lthird but is now 2:28 behind overall after dropping 33 seconds to Fignon

Fignon, the 1983 and 1984

with an attack about 20 kilometres (12 miles) from the finish, bolting away from the leader's group and passing early leaders Gert-Jan Theunisse and Steven Rooks of the Netherlands. "I saw the Dutch climbers go

and I saw others were in difficulty so I decided to attack," Fignon said. "But I had some difficulty in the last climb."

Saturday's leg is relatively flat and a final time trial closes the

"Lemond is better than me in the time trail but I am better in the mountains," Fignon said. Lemond first took the yellow jersey after a time trial, and

hopes to do well in the final stage.

Astonishing finish Fignon had earlier grabbed back the race leader's yellow jersey from American Greg

Fignon made a surprise attack four kilometres from the end of the steep ascent towards the finish line at the ski resort of L'Alpe D'Huez to find Lemond unable to respond.

Only last year's winner Pedro Delgado of Spain was able to go after him at the end of the tough-

est mountain stage of the race. Gert-Jan Theunisse of the Netherlands won the 161.5-km stage from Briancon in five hours 10 minutes 39 seconds, with Delgado and Fignon finishing together as second and third, one minute eight seconds behind.

A tired Lemond came in a further one minute 19 seconds down on provisional timings. Fignon, who was 53 seconds behind the American at the start

of the stage, then enjoyed a provisional lead of 26 seconds. Fignon said: "I had a bit of a let-down in the middle of the last climb and Greg was looking very strong. But suddenly I felt as if I

#### Tyson nervous, as usual, before the fight

(AP) — Mike Tyson is nervous about the truth. But that's no-

thing new. "You get a little jittery," said the 23-year-old heavyweight champion. "You feel this way for your first fight and for your 101st

Tyson defends his title against Carl "the truth" Williams on Friday night.

The scheduled 12-round bout in Atlantic City will be Tyson's 37th. He has a 36-0 record, with

32 knockouts. He was a 12-1 favourite to remain unbeaten.

The 29-year-old Williams appeared relaxed at the official weigh-in early Thursday morning at the Trump Plaza, but he also was wary.

"I'm sure he'll be aggressive early on," Williams said. "After that it's my show." The challenger, whose ability to take a punch is questionable.

also indicated that his fight plan is not strictly a defensive one. "You've got to take a chance in there," he said, "No matter what happens, you can bet on one

thing - I'll take a chance." "I don't see anything he can do to win the fight," Tyson said. Tyson weighed 219 1-4 pounds (99.45 kilograms), and Williams weighed 218 pounds (98.88 kilog-

The weigh-in was nationally televised and Tyson behaved himself. He had made an obscene gesture to Britain's Frank Bruno at the weigh-in for their fight on Feb. 25.

Tyson, who is 5-foot-11 1-2 (1.8 metres), will as usual be at a reach disadvantage, spotting Wil-

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey liams 14 inches (35.5 cen-

timetres). Tyson will have advantages in quickness and power, however, and also in big-fight experience. This will his 10th championship fight and his sixth defence of the undisputed title he won with a 12-round unanimous decision

over Tony Tucker on Aug. 1. He looked ring rusty in stop-ping Bruno, of Britain, in the fifth round at Las Vegas. The eight-month layoff between that fight and his 91-second victory over Michael Spinks at the convention centre was the longest of Tyson's four-year career. It will be the second shot for

Williams, who has fought only seven times since losing a 15round unanimous decision to Larry Holmes in a bid for the International Boxing Federation Championship on May 20, 1985.

Williams' record is 22-2 with 17 knockouts. His other loss came when he was stopped in the second round by Mike Weaver on Feb. 16, 1986.

Tyson will get \$4 million and Williams will be paid \$1 million

for the bour. Williams' purse for his challenge to Holmes was \$175,000.

The convention centre has been set up for 11,000 people. and tieket prices range from \$500 down to \$50. The fight also will be televised on cable.

Three 10-round heavyweight houts are on the undercard. James "Buster" Douglas, who could be Tyson's next opponent. will fight Oliver McCall.

Greg Page, a former World Boxing Association champ, will meet Charles Woolard.

"Maybe because they don'l

get to see me a lot. In Catskill, New York, I'm just another

'I'm not dangerous'

Tyson on the state of his love

"I'm over the marriage (to

television actress Robin

Givens). I'm over the love-hate

Will you ever marry again?

"I'm sure I will one day, but

not now. For me there's no-

thing like the single life."

Joe."

life:

feelings."

## ocker room talk

ATLANTIC CITY, (R) -Notes on countdown to the Mike Tyson-Carl "The Truth" Williams heavyweight title fight Friday:

Nothing personal

Promoter Don King, an adviser to Tyson, on his acrimonious relationship with Bill Cayton, Tyson's estranged

"I don't have anything against Cayton." What about all those things you said about him last year,

"You mean when I said he was an inveterate liar and Satan in disguise? That stuff? I didn't mean anything per-

Drink problem

Tyson, who ballooned to 276

pounds (125 kg) between his fights with Michael Spinks last June and Frank Bruno last February, said he quit drinking eight months ago, giving up his favourite brand of Mexican beer and Long Island iced tea - B concection of liquors and

fruit jaice. "Long island iced tea and coronas were my downfall," he

Did you have a drinking problem?" a reporter asked, looking for a sensational angle. "Yeah, I put on weight."

Just another Joe Where does most of Tyson's fan mail come from?

"By far I get the most from England. They send it to Camille's (his surrogate mother's) house. A grab bag full. I try to read every one." Why do you think you get so

much from England?

Is there someone special in your life now? "I'm not telling because I'm

not going to let what happened to Robin happen to her." Robin says she misses you. she misses the danger.

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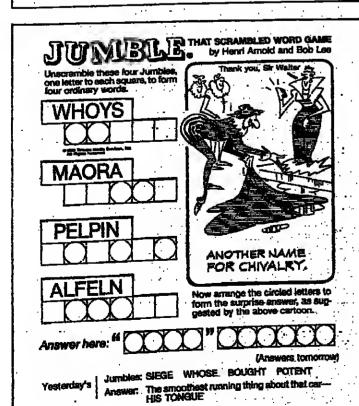
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#### THE BETTER HALF, **By Harris**



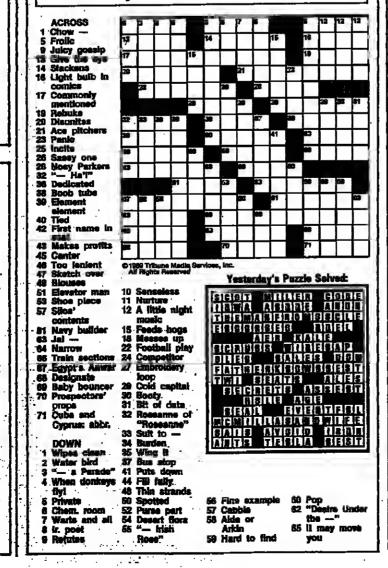
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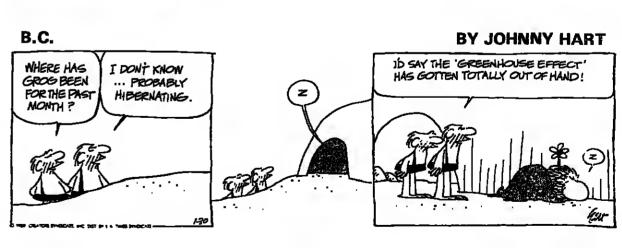


#### **Peanuts** THIS GIRL CALLS ON THE

PHONE .. MY SISTER ANSWERS. THE GIRL TELLS SALLY THAT SHE'S AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE







#### Andy Capp







Amid Congress concerns over foreign airlines buying into U.S. carriers

## Greenspan fans away inflation threat, moves to minimise risk of recession

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, declaring partial victory over inflation, told Congress Thursday that the central bank has now switched its strategy to preventing an "unnecessary and destructive recession."

He said the Fed faces a difficult balancing act but can probably guide the economy to a soft landing by curbing inflation without choking off expansion now in its 80th month.

"Looking ahead at the remain-der of 1989 and into 1990, recent developments suggest that the balance of risks may have shifted somewhat away from greater inflation," be said.

Greenspan's fairly reassuring forecast was good news for the Bush administration, which is concerned that too-tight monetary policy will halt growth.

It was also a tonic for the stock

market. The Dow Jones industrial average broke through 2,600 to reach the highest level in nearly 22 months as investors interpreted the comments as an indication that interest rates would

go down.
"We tend to be cautious, and rightfully so," Greenspan said in response to a question whether the recent drop in interest rates was the start of a long-term trend.

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Although the underlying rate of inflation has not increased, the overall level is still too high, he

'Consequently, monetary policy will need to continue to focus on laying he groundwork for gra-dual progress toward price stabil-

he said. In contrast to the last time he reported to Congress in February, Greenspan stressed the danger now is that the Fed could keep money tight for too long.
"It is prudent for the Federal

Reserve to recognise the risk that coftness conceivably could cumulate and deepen, resulting in a substantial downturn in activity," he said. "What we seek to avoid is an unnecessary and destructive

The central bank predicted the economy, after adjusting for inflation, will grow by two per cent to 2.5 per cent this year and by 1.5 per cent to two per cent in 1990. Inflation as measured by the consumer price index should ease to between 4.5 per cent and five per cent in 1990 from five to

5.5 per cent.
The Fed chairman made it clear he would not move swiftly to cut money-market interest rates further.

He predicted a narrowing of the U.S. trade deficit, despite a 24 per cent rise in May to \$10.24 billion, saying: "I do think that exports have a way to go perhaps a significant way to go on

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the upside for the United States." In other testimony on Capitol Hill, White House economic adviser Michael Boskin said inflation seemed to be under control and interest rates were likely to fall next year.

The Congressional Budget

Office, a bipartisan arm of the Congress that analyses the budget, issued its own report saying the economy will slow but avoid a recession.

Meanwhile, the Transportation Department and a congressional committee are looking into the increasing sales of stock in U.S. irlines to foreign carriers.

Foreign airlines already have gained minority interests in America West, Hawaiian, Continental and Delta Airlines, and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has a \$400 million share in the planned takeover of Northwest Airlines by a California investor.

'It's a phenomenon that's coming on like a train," Senator John McCain said at a Senate Commerce, Science and Transportaion Committee hearing prompted by the Northwest takeover bid. The committee is considering a bill by McCain and the committee chairman, Senator Wendell Ford, to require Transportation Department approval for all air-

The proposed takeover of Northwest's parent company, NWA Inc., by Wings Holdigs Inc., beaded by Los Angeles businessman Alfred Checchi, would be the first leveraged buyout in the airline inchistry. Other investors, including the Dutch airlines, are involved

in the deal with Checchi. Ford said the trend of investors looking to take over healthy airlines is "very disturbing." He said it could lead to newly acquired major carriers selling international routes, delaying purchase of new aircraft, cuting corners on sagety or forcing wage reductions to meet the demands of new

East bloc struggles

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — To a Soviet tourist accustomed to

buying sugar on ration coupons.

or a Romanian surviving for

months without proper meat, a Budapest supermarket is close to

Piles of paprika and heaps of

other fruits and vegetables adorn the shelves. Canned goods, West-

ern beverages and attractively packaged foods are freely avail-

able - and there are few of the

But while Hungary, a tradi-

tionally rich agrarian nation, con-

tinues to export thousands of tons

of produce each year, the farming

success story is turning sour. And

elsewhere in Eastern Europe, putting a healthy and varied diet

on consumers' tables remains a

constant government preoccupa-

Hungary provides ready exam-ples of some of the agricultural woes its socialist neighbours also

Almost 60 per cent of the machinery on the 1,253 coopera-

tives and 131 state farms created

by forced collectivisation in the

The workforce is shrinking and

growing older. Produce prices

paid to farmers are not keeping

pace with hikes in the cost of

ertilisers and other tools of the

State investment is declining,

with farmers seeing none of the

extra revenue generated by three

rounds of food price increases

imposed by a cash-strapped gov-

From 1975 to 1987, industrial

prices rose 203 per cent, but the

money paid to farmers for their

produce went up just 64 per cent.

Hungary's most successful state

farm, found it more profitable to

invest his farm's money in

Budapest's infant bond market

than in his land at Balbona in

Farmers' anger at their worsen-ing situation boiled over a year

ago, when winegrowers in Kos-

koros staged the first agricultural

demonstration in memory, de-

With even official statistics

showing a 20 per cent decline in

agricultural production from 1987

to 1988, and politicians in-

creasingly willing to reform, the winegrowers may get their wish.

A surprising report commis-

sioned by the ruling Communist

Party recently recommended a

wholesale return to easy lease

terms and private land ownership

Everywhere in Eastern

Europe, the small private farms

and plots left intact by commun-

ism already account for a vastly

disproportionate share of food

In Hungary, private household

plots that cover only 5.5 per cent

of arable land accounted for 36

per cent of all agricultural pro-

western Hungary.

manding change.

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Robert Burgert, manager of

ernment this year alone.

1950s is rusty and outdated.

queues or shortages of staples so

common in East Europe.

paradise.

with agricultural woes

Undoing four decades of com-

munist farming, however, may prove politically difficult if it

drives up subsidised food prices

Already, consumers are feeling

the crunch.

"My teen-age sons like to drink Coca-Cola," said Zolton, a Budapest bureaucrat with a sal-

ary above the monthly average of 6,500 forints (about \$100). "But

this year I had to tell them, we

In Yugoslavia, where inflation tops 600 per cent a year, and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, consumers have long grown used to spending large portions of their meager income for food.

Most of these supplies are available only at small markets

where peasants sell produce from

In Poland, for example, a kilogramme of beef costs 4,000 zlotys (about \$5) — some six per

cent of an average monthly wage

stores, where prices are lower but

the standard phrase is "nie ma"

(there is none), beef is almost

In Romania, every spare lei chases food. President Nicolae

Ceausescn's drive to pay off fore-

ign debt means that buge amounts of food are exported and

his 23 million citizens, inhabiting

an area once known as the bread-

basket of southern Europe, face

In many cities, bread is rationed. Butter, cooking oil,

cheese or white flour are regular-

ly sold only in hard-currency stores. A kilogramme of coffee fetches up to 1,500 lei (\$150) — half the monthly wage — on the

Urban professionals may rise at dawn and queue all day on a

rumour that meat is to appear at a

local store. When it does, hun-

dreds of exhausted shoppers turn

into angry hordes, screaming at each other in the fight for a

Such scenes are unknown in

Czechoslovakia and East Ger-

many, where stores are relatively

Sbop windows in Prague,

famous for its hams, display an

enviable variety of meats and

sausage at affordable prices. But

fruit and vegetables are far more scarce. In June, the Czechoslovak

state news agency revealed that.

consumption of vegetables has

risen only 8.7 per cent since before World War II and "does

not meet the requirements of

East Europeans often get

around such shortages by growing their own produce. From the

Baltic to Belgrade, housewives

have hung on to skills in tending,

bottling and pickling fruits and

bousewife also must manage to

feed her family with almost none

The average East European

never seen.

chronic shortages.

black market.

scrawny chicken.

well stocked.

healthy nutrition."

A return to private land own- of the frozen foods that have ership also would ease the credit become commonplace in the

squeeze on farmers, who now West.
cannot use their land as collateral Housebold appliances to pre-

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owners. He said foreign investments in airlines are developing without any formal government policy re-

Jeffrey Shane, assistant transportation secretary, said the department already has sufficient power to head off undesirable takeovers with its "fitness review" process. A takeover that doesn't pass likely won't take place, Shane said, because investors will back out.

But Shane acknowledged growing concern in the department about foreign investments in U.S. airlines. The department recently sent a letter to Checchi asking several questions about the degree of foreign involvement in his plans to take over North-

The law limits foreign own-ership of airlines to 25 per cent and does not allow more than one-third of the board membership to be foreigners.

But Shane said control, not share of ownership, is the critical

Ansett Airlines of Australia has a 20 per cent interest in America West, a subsidiary of Japan Air Lines owns 20 per cent of Hawaiian Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System controls nine per cent of Continental, and Swissair recently acquired five per cent of Delta, Shane said. "There's nothing inherently

wrong with these acquisitions; Shane said.

Shane said the proposed KLM investment in Northwest has the potential of giving the Dutch carrier, which is partly government owned, a strong say in Northwest

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## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

#### Banking seminar opens in Amman

AMMAN (Petrs) — A six-day seminar on pricing banking services and budgeting opens in Amman Saturday with the participation of 40 bankers from Jordan and the Arab World. The participants will discuss several working papers and will hear lectures about banking budget and cost assessments, according to a statement by Dr. Adnan Al Hindi, secretary-general of the Arab Banking Union which is organising the seminar. Hindi said that such gatherings aim to intensify and back all efforts to update the skills and performance of Arab banking systems and to cope with modern technological trends.

Economy tops Rafsanjani's priorities

NICOSIA (R) — Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, expected to be elected Iran's president this week, said Thursday economic development was the nation's main task in the next decade. "Our main work is in this area because in the 10 years after the revolution we were not able to deal with the people's economic problems because of the war (with Iraq)," he said in a 30-minute speech on television. He listed economic priorities as developing natural gas resources, training technicians and stabilising the rival The great difference between the actual and official values of the currency is a source of corruption," he said. Fixing the ray. \_ ts real value would entail devaluation, a move opposed by the government in the 10 years since the Islamic revolution. Black market exchange rates have reached up to 20 times the official rate.

#### Saudi-French bank ups profit by 31%

RIYADH (R) — Al Bank Al Saudi Al Fransi has said net profit rose 31.7 per cent in the first half of 1989 to 60.8 million riyals (\$16.2 million). Total assets also rose 25.8 per cent to 19.7 billion riyals (\$5.25 billion) but provisions were cut to 30 million riyals (\$8 million) from 35.87 million riyals (\$9.6 million) in the first half of 1988. The bank is one of 12 commercial banks in the kingdom and the unandited results were published in the local press. The bank is 60 per cent owned by Sandi nationals and 40 per cent by Banque Indosnez.

#### **AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES**

Thursday, July 20, 1989	Deutschemark 299	.9 302.9
	Swiss franc 346	.6 350.1
Central Bank official rates	French franc 88	
	Japanese yen (for 100) 403	
Buy Sell	Dutch guilder 265	
	Swedish crown 88	
U.S. dollar - 573.0 579.0	Italian lira (for 100) 41.	
Pound Sterling 924.4 933.6	Belgian franc (for 10) 143.	
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#### **Amman Financial Market** weekly trading

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous week:

July	17-19 July 1-5
Daily average JD 2,38	2,827 JD 920,570
Total volume JD 7.14	8,483 JD 4,602,850
Total shares 2,93	7,538 2,454,888
	3,403 3,245
Sectoral trading	
Industrial JD 5,000	5,991 JD 3,312,333
(70	.0%) (72.0%)
Financial JD 1,812	2,397 JD 878,640
	4%) (19.1%)
Service (3.	.6%) (6.4%)
Insurance (1	.0%) (2.5%)
	27.5 126.2
No. of companies	56 62
Price movement (rise)	28 17
(decline)	16 37
(stable)	12 8

#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling One U.S. dollar	1.6275/85 .1.1865/75	U.S. dollars Canadian dollar
Old Old Colle	1.8975/85	Deutschemarks
	2.1405/55 1.6355/70	Dutch guilders Swiss francs
	39.72/77 6.4350/4400	Belgian francs French francs
	1372/1373 141.60/70	Italian iire Japanese yen
	6.4675/4775	Swedish crowns
	· 6.9475/9575 · 7.3700/3800	Norwegian crowns Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	372.70/373.20	U.S. dollars

#### **WORLD STOCK MARKETS**

By Reuters

SYDNEY - The share market closed above the critical 1,600 level as a fall in the Australian dollar caused a gold sector rush.

The All Ordinaries Index closed up 6.6 at 1603.0.

TOKYO - Share prices closed sharply higher. Investment trusts conducted index-linked buying programmes and others jumped on the boat. The Nikkei rose 234:56 to 33,899.43.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended lower on end-week profit-taking and market talk that the best bid on a prime government land site was disappointingly low. The Hang Seng fell 47.34 to 2,495.74. SINGAPORE — Prices were lower across the board on profit-taking after recent sharp gains. The Straits Times Industrial Index lost 3.48 to 1,361.91.

BOMBAY — Prices fell sharply on opposition demands for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's resignation over a controversial guns deal with Befors of Sweden. Elections must be held before

FRANKFURT — The market hit new 1989 highs for the fourth time this week and dealers said the mood was still strongly bullish. The Real-Time 30-Share Dax rose 4.58 to 1,555.40.

ZURICH — The market closed slightly firmer despite Thursday declines on Wall-Street and in the dollar. The All-Share Swiss Index rose 3.6 to 1,137.8.

PARIS - Shares were easier on profit-taking at the end of the July account. The 50-share bourse indicator was down by 0.03 per cent

LONDON - Prices were easier in lacklustre trade and dealers said the market was consolidating after recent gams. At 1447 GMT the FTSE index was 11.4 lower at 2,280.9.

NEW YORK - Blue chips were firm but traders said investors were healthin ahead of expiry of major market index stock options and futures. The Dow was up three at 2,578. はおいていいというできるとは機能のは

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